

# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# HowNiKan

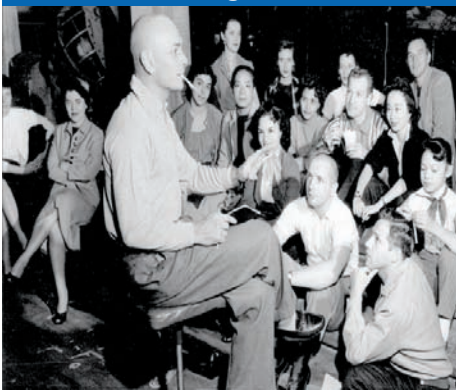
*People of the Fire*

HowNiKan April (Zisbaktokke Gises) 2010, vol. 31 issue 2

## Inside this issue

Walking On, Page 2

Uniontown Cemetery Nominated,  
Page 5



April Elder: John George, Page 6

Absentee Ballot Request, Page 7

Legislative Columns, Pages 14-22

PLP 2010 Application, Page 23

## Forms mailed to Americans in mid-March

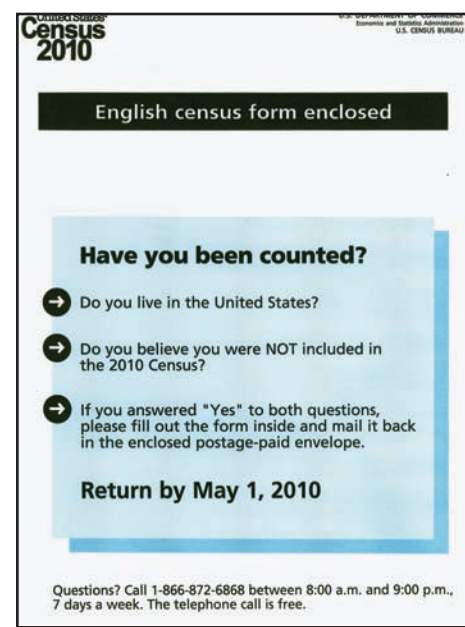
## CPN officials urge Census 2010 participation by members

Clout and access to billions of federal tax dollars are at stake as Americans respond to the 2010 Census. Across Indian Country, leaders are urging members of their nations and tribes to complete the simple, 10-question census form that arrived in March and return it in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials reminded members to pay special attention to the question that allows Native Americans to self-designate as such and to include the name of the tribe in which they are enrolled. On most forms, that is question five (5).

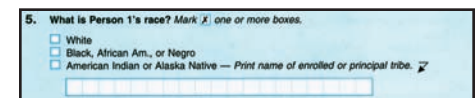
Few demographic groups stand to benefit as much from an accurate count as Native Americans, who by treaty are entitled to federal aid for schools, law enforcement, health and housing. But few groups are as hard to count. Native Americans are a highly mobile population spread out among isolated expanses and inner cities.

An accurate count has been elusive in some parts of Indian Country. For example, on the 1.5-million-acre Blackfeet Indian Reservation, tribal leaders decided to be



*Census 2010 reporting forms arrived in Americans' mailboxes in mid-March.*

proactive this year. "We have multiple families living in single households," said Emmie Davis Bird, the tribe's planning and development director. "We do not have a



*Question 5 allows tribal members to designate the tribe in which they hold membership.*

rural address mailing system. We have a very large population, and it's hard to accurately count Native populations because of our lack of (postal) services.

"We have (targeted) our youth and they have made presentations at the schools to talk about how important it is for their parents to participate in the census because every head that's counted means extra resources to the reservation."

In Montana, members of the Blackfeet Tribe are visiting tribal schools to emphasize the importance of the census, hoping children can persuade reluctant family members to fill out their forms. In South Dakota, members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe are canvassing remote corners of the sprawling reservation on a mission to ensure that everyone is counted.

In Arizona, an advertising campaign will implore Navajos in their native language to participate.

Indian leaders and Census Bureau officials have worked for months in Montana and across the country to promote the constitutionally required, once-every-decade tabulation of America's population, which begins in March with the mailing of millions of census forms. The count determines how many seats in Congress each state receives and how billions in government money are doled out through formula-driven programs and services.

Ensuring an accurate count is not just a matter of finding tribal members. The other  
*See CENSUS 2010 on page 32*

NONPROFIT STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
OKLA CITY, OK  
PERMIT NO. 1344

1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION





# Walking On

**Laura Spurr**



Laura Spurr wore many hats in her 64 years of life: nurse, health official, fundraiser, and tribal chairwoman for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. Spurr died on Friday, February 19, 2001 from a heart attack suffered while she was in Temecula, California. She was there to speak at the Pechanga Resort & Casino about what she is probably best known for publicly in the Battle Creek area: the Fire-

Keepers Casino, a project Spurr and the tribe pursued for nearly a decade.

The casino was one of many projects Spurr pursued throughout her life. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1967 with a degree in nursing, she found herself working in the health field in Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, and Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Spurr also obtained a master's degree from Chicago's DePaul University with a double major in nursing administration and education.

In Washington, she was active in several organizations, such as the Personnel Committee for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington and the Committee of the League of Women Voters.

Health continued to be an issue for Laura Spurr, as she served as the Chair of the Education Committee and the Health Committee at the Nottawaseppi Huron Band's Pine Creek reservation. Spurr never stopped being a nurse, even in the days just prior to her death, according to RoAnn Beebe-Mohr, Tribal Council secretary. "On our way out here, there was a medical emergency on the plane," Beebe-Mohr said by telephone from California. "Laura – being a registered nurse – stepped up and helped

take care of this woman. She stayed with her until the paramedics boarded the plane."

Spurr also spearheaded the tribe's Moguago Scholarship Fund and golf outing and reserved funds to build a 6,000-square foot health center at Pine Creek, which opened in 2008.

A member of the Tribal Council since 1999, Spurr saw the construction of FireKeepers Casino as a path to the improvement of living standards for the tribe. "Laura was a tremendous leader with great vision who led our tribe during a period of growth and development," Homer Mandoka, tribal council vice chairman, said in a statement released Saturday. "Her legacy will be with us for generations. She will be greatly missed."

Beebe-Mohr echoed those statements, and also described Spurr as her best friend. "Without Laura being the tribal chair, it probably wouldn't have got done," she said. "She was a very strong leader."

The \$300 million casino took 18 months to build, and the tribe spent years battling in courts with casino and gambling opponents. "Our tribe looks forward to bringing 2,500 good-paying jobs to the area, which is struggling once again by the economic downturn," Spurr said in 2006, after the group known as Citizens Exposing Truth About Casinos dropped a lawsuit against the tribe.

Jobs weren't the only thing Spurr said the casino would bring; revenue from the facility's income was and will continue to be shared with the area. A week prior to Spurr's death, a check for almost \$2 million was given to the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board. The money goes to local governments for increased costs and lost tax revenues from tribal lands. "We are spending our money in Calhoun County and the state of Michigan and helping the economy go forward," Spurr told the Battle Creek, Michigan Enquirer at the time.

The local economy was important to Spurr, especially in the Athens, Michigan area. She grew up at Pine Creek and longed for downtown Athens to become what she remembered from her childhood. She said in 2009 that she hoped business would return and the tribal council said expansions

at Pine Creek could be good for Athens." Our homeland is here (in Athens)," she said. "This is where the membership wants to be."

Services for Laura Spurr were held on Friday, February 26, 2010 and Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Athens, Michigan and Fulton, Michigan. A prayer service was held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Spencer Family Funeral Home in Athens. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Huron Potawatomi Community Center, 2221 1 1/2 Mile Road in Fulton. Arrangements were handled by the Spencer Family Funeral Home in Athens.

Beebe-Mohr said Spurr graduated from Athens High School, and her funeral drew hundreds of people, including dignitaries from other tribes and government officials. Spurr is survived by her husband, Stephen, and two sons, Nathaniel and Josiah.

**Juanita Ellen 'Nita' Saunders**



A descendant of the Camp-Trousdale family within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Juanita Ellen 'Nita' Saunders was born in Cyril, Oklahoma, the daughter of Charles E. and Madeline Camp. As a small child, she moved to the Wanette-Trousdale area and attended school at Jumper and Trousdale. She graduated from Tecumseh High

## HOWNIKAN

The *HowNiKan* is published by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation with offices at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The *HowNiKan* is mailed free to enrolled tribal members. Subscriptions to non-members are available for \$10 annually in the United States and \$12 for foreign countries.

The *HowNiKan* is a member of the Native American Journalists Association. Reprint permission is granted with publication credit to the *HowNiKan* and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

All letters and submissions become the property of the *HowNiKan*. Editorials and letters are subject to editing and must contain traceable address. Final selection of material for publication is subject to approval by the Business Committee.

All correspondence should be directed to *HowNiKan*, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801. Address changes should be sent to Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Rolls, 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

CPN Executive Committee:

Chairman - John A. Rocky Barrett

Vice Chairman - Linda Capps

Sec./Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Editor - Michael Dodson

Toll-Free Number: 800-880-9880



School and Shawnee Beauty College.

She moved back to Shawnee in 1978 and worked at Colonial Estates Nursing Home as a part-time beautician and certified nurse for nine years. She later worked at the Shawnee Indian Clinic for eight years as a patient aide. She then worked with the Nutrition Center as a cashier and helper for four-and-a-half years. She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, where she served as a greeter and belonged to the prayer group and altar society. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. During her retirement, she enjoyed bingo, dominoes, and fellowship.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; three sisters; and nephews, Dale Weatherford Jr. and Charles Camp.

She is survived by a son Robert Don Saunders of Dallas, Texas; a grandson, Toby Patrick Saunders of Crandell, Texas; and a host of nieces and nephews, including Mary Darlene Dayton of McLoud, Oklahoma, Robert Hudson of Seminole, Oklahoma, and Troy Lee Graham of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Rev. Chinnappa Reddy Konkala officiating. To share memories, or to sign the guest book online, go to [www.cooperfuneral.com](http://www.cooperfuneral.com).

#### **Billy Ray Maize**

Billy Ray Maize, 74, of Mount Olive, Alabama, passed on suddenly January 2, 2010. He was born in Concho, Oklahoma on December 8, 1935 and was the eldest child of Leon and Emily Whitehead Maize.

Billy attended U. S. Grant High School, in Oklahoma City, graduating with the Class of 1956. He played on several athletic teams for the Grant Generals.

He received an honorable discharge after serving his country in the Air Force's Strategic Air Command. In 1960, Billy married Flora (Pat) Case and moved to Birmingham, Alabama. There, he worked for U.S. Pipe. As a member of his local union, Billy worked tirelessly to improve working conditions and obtain pay increases and better benefits for his co-workers. He was voted vice-president for his accomplishments and level of volunteerism. Billy retired after 22 years due to heart disease and diabetic complications.

Billy and Pat joined Green Acres Baptist



Church, where he coached the boys' basketball team, taught Sunday School class, and sang in the choir. Later, Billy was a founding member of the Evangeliers Gospel Quartet as a bass vocalist.

Another great achievement was attending the University of Alabama in Birmingham where he hoped to earn a degree as a P. E. and history teacher.

Billy Maize lived a consummate life of service and was a caregiver to several close family members over the years. His family, friends, and neighbors could always depend on his help, love, and support with a smile. Billy loved to walk his two dogs, Isabella and Calypso and was a reader of fiction and historical novels. He was an Alabama University football fan and loved University of Tennessee Lady Vols and University of Alabama-Birmingham Lady Blazers basketball. Avidly interested in his American Indian heritage, Billy was proud of being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joetta Sanders. Survivors include his wife, Flora Maize; his loving daughter, Ms. Valerie Dawn Maize of Birmingham, Alabama; and two sisters, Shirlene Barnes and Sondra Perieda, who reside in Victorville, California; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and close friends.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Ridout's Garden-dale Chapel in Alabama with burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Pell City, Alabama. Immediately following the burial service, all attendees were invited to a luncheon at Mineral Springs Baptist church in Eden, Alabama.

Soon after everyone gathered for a prayer before sharing a comforting meal in Billy's honor, snow began to fall softly out-

side reminding everyone present of Billy's gentle loving spirit. Billy would have loved to see the snow.

#### **Melvin Glenn Maritt**



Melvin Glenn Maritt passed away on February 23, 2010 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was born in the home of his maternal grandparents, John Isadore & Alice May Smith Tescier at Choctaw, Oklahoma on May 10, 1929. He was the first child of Chester Glenn Maritt and E. Marie Tescier Maritt.

Mel served with the Army in Korea during 1946-47. He attended Oklahoma State University and graduated from UCLA. He enjoyed a very successful career in sales, later establishing a wholesale key and lock supply business in Del City, Oklahoma. Mel served as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman in the early 1980s.

He married Shirley Avery Jones, of Wichita, Kansas in 1964, and they lived in the Oklahoma City area for most of their lives. Shirley died on June 19, 2009, and Mel had resided in Edmond since her passing.

He is survived by his beloved daughter Dana Jones Cannon; grandchildren Avery and Maggie; siblings Fran Gordon and her husband Carl, Bud Maritt and his wife Rilla, and Chet Maritt; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Mel requested there be no formal service, but a memorial gathering will be held in the Spring.

#### **Mildred Bostick Houser**

Mildred Bostick Houser, 98, of Ker-ville, Texas, died unexpectedly on Friday, February 12, 2010 at the Peterson Regional



Medical Center. She was born on May 26, 1911, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, the second daughter of George and Evelyn Bostick. On Nov. 18, 1928, she married Bernas Houser, who died on January 6, 1996.

Mildred was proud to be considered a "wise woman" by virtue of her age and being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Her Indian cousins will speak of her death as "Walking On." She was a joyful lady who laughed easily and experienced life with humor.

Collecting and making dolls was one of Mildred's interests, as was collecting poems, which she loved to share. She spent many hours quilting as a member of the Dietert Claim and was the photographer who took pictures of the completed or in-process quilts for documentation.

Surviving are a daughter Pauline Weingard and her husband Lewis of Tionesta, Pennsylvania, and a son, Franklin Houser and his wife Bonnie of San Antonio, Texas. There are seven grandchildren, Deborah Lee and her husband Chung of Honolulu, Hawai'i; Joni Rose and her husband Roger of New Delhi, India; Brent Weingard of New York, New York; Sabrina Amaya and husband Hector of New Braunfels, Texas; Page Houser of Austin, Texas; Sloan Houser and wife Peggy of Austin; and Eliot Houser and wife Kris of Nashville, Tennessee. Also surviving are five great-granddaughters; Mary Lee Henry and husband Duane of Honolulu; Anna Lee of San Francisco, California; Suky Lee of Seoul, Korea; Violet Houser of Austin; and Ashleigh Rose of Stanford, California. She had three great-grandsons Michael Rose, of Notre Dame, Indiana; and Sage Houser and Boothe Houser of Austin, Texas. Her three great-great-grandchildren are Scarlet Houser of Austin; and McCarthy Eloise Houser and Franklin Beck Houser of Memphis, Tennessee. Also surviving is her sister Velma Smith and her husband Wayne of

*See WALKING ON on page 26*



Final resting place for Potawatomi near Rossville, Kansas

## Uniontown Cemetery nominated for National Register of Historic Places



**Near Willard, Kansas (WIBW)** - A piece of early Shawnee County, Kansas history is on the short list to make the National Register of Historic Places. The Uniontown Cemetery near Willard dates to the mid-1800s. Uniontown was a short-lived pre-Civil War settlement that served as a trading post and ferry crossing for the Kansas River. In the center of the cemetery is a circular stone wall, marking a mass grave of Potawatomi Indians who died of a cholera outbreak in 1849 and 1850.

The cemetery is one of six Kansas sites that the Kansas Historical Society's Historic Sites Board of Review nominated for the National Register. Staff from the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places office in Washington, D.C. will evaluate them for inclusion. The McKimmons barn near Westmoreland and the Rock Island Depot in Abilene were also nominated.

**More information on the nominees:**

**Uniontown Cemetery** - Northwest Douglas Road, Willard vicinity, Shawnee County Uniontown Cemetery is a significant physical landscape remnant of the short-lived community of Uniontown, a pre-Civil War settlement that served as a trading post, pay station, and ferry crossing along the Kansas River. It reflects, in part, an important period in the early history of the area when thousands of immigrants passed through the Potawatomi reserve on their way west.

The settlement, a place where Native American and Euro-American cultures converged, thrived for a short period between 1848 and 1852 and is noted in the historical record as an important river crossing and supply stop. The cholera epidemic of 1849 and 1850, coupled with the success of other area river towns like Topeka, spelled the settlement's eventual demise. Although the settlement existed only a few years, the

cemetery evolved into a rural family cemetery. Today, there are no extant buildings associated with the early settlement, and the exact location of the abandoned town site is not known.

The 1.21-acre cemetery includes three separate marked burial areas each enclosed with a dry-laid native stone wall. Two of these enclosed areas are family plots dating primarily to the 1860s and 1870s. The third area is located in the center of the cemetery and is marked by a circular stone wall that marks a mass grave of Potawatomi from the cholera outbreak in 1849 and 1850. The cemetery is nominated to the National Register for its association with the early settlement of Shawnee County.



## 2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival

June 25-27

Honored Families: Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot,  
Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo, Muller

## Mark A. Johnson

For Legislator, District #7

One of the most important things you will ever do, is to exercise your right to be heard, to cast your vote in our tribal election process. So this year when you mark your ballot, I would be honored, if you trusted me with your vote. When elected, I will work tirelessly on your behalf as we face the challenges that lay ahead.



**Health Care** - we need to ensure that our members and their available benefits are protected in the coming months as we learn what the National Health Care program means to tribal governments.

**Sovereign Rights** - We need to stand shoulder to shoulder against outside governments who would like to fix their financial problems, at our expense.

Educational Scholarships, Housing Grants for closing costs, Health Aids, are all important programs to members of District 7 and they must be protected and expanded when the time is right.

**Vote for Mark A. Johnson - District #7**





# Potawatomi Language

## Learning a language

Some of you who are trying to learn Potawatomi might have experience learning another language. However, for many of you, this is your first attempt at learning a language or, if nothing else, is your first time in quite awhile. So, how does one go about learning a language? There are countless books and techniques available, whether it is the Pimsleur system or Rosetta Stone or another. Many of these books are written for more commonly-learned languages such as French, Spanish, and Italian.

The first thing a learner should do is try to identify his strengths. There are three main types of learners: Auditory, Visual, and Kinesthetic. Many of us we are combinations of more than one or even all three.

There are many online sites that can help you determine what type of learner you are. Visual learners will often do well using pictures and visualizing concepts in their heads. Auditory learners really need to hear the concept said aloud. Kinesthetic learners like to move around while they learn.

Even within these many books on language-learning, there are certain things, which stand out. In order to know something, we have to get it into our long-term memory. Old methods for doing this might be simply looking at a list and trying to

memorize it by repeating the words or phrases over and over and over. While this might work eventually, some other ideas would be to go over a series of words or phrases for a week, put them away for a week, then review them the next week. Finally, put them away for a month and re-visit them at that time.

Another good technique is word association. The associations you use can be serious or funny. If you can take a word such as, for example, moto (goat in Potawatomi), you could associate it with something that sounds like it in English, such as motorcycle, then imagine a goat riding a motorcycle. Another way might be to imagine a goat talking on a cell phone and the goat saying, "Hell-o, moto" as in the mobile phone ad. Sometimes the sillier the association is the better it is. You might also just make yourself some flashcards with images of different animals, then say the word you look at the picture.

There are other memorization techniques that are also quite helpful, such as compartmentalizing words. For example, think of something you are very familiar with, such as your house or home town or even your office. Then imagine taking a particular word and putting into a certain location in

your house, such as walking into your house and putting a nagen (dish) into the taswen (cupboard). Then, imagine wjan-dawgemek (kitchen). You could mentally place other words into other parts of your house.

Another good memory trick that might work for you is associating a number with a word or series of words. An easy example would be with numbers in Potawatomi. I am not very good at remembering people's phone numbers, and one day a friend came up to me and said his number very fast as we were pulling away and asked me to call him later. So, I quickly repeated the number in Potawatomi and was amazed that I remembered it for some six months from that one association. I associated the numbers with the Potawatomi words for them.

Another idea that might help would be labeling objects in your house, then, every time you walk by an item, thinking or saying aloud, for instance, jiptebwen (chair) or dopwen (table).

Another idea along the same line is to put up words associated with a particular room, such as Wegni ewabdemen? (What are you watching?) or Widbumshen (Sit by me) in, perhaps, the living room. Or, you could place Wegni je wjandayen? (What are

you cooking) and Gbekte ne? (Are you hungry?) in the kitchen.

Try using your language with friends and family and then with strangers. Just say what you want in Potawatomi, then say it in English. You will often find your family and friends very supportive of you, especially if they know what you are doing. I used to do this to friends when I was growing up in Kansas City. Ten years later, many of them still remember certain words and phrases I would say to them. In fact, they learned some Potawatomi, also.

Another great way to get others involved is if, for example, you have children, have the child repeat what they said in Potawatomi. If my daughter asks for milk, I say, "Nedwendan I nonakneyabo (I want milk)."

The number one rule for learning a language is: Don't be afraid to make a mistake. The only way to improve is to use the language and not be afraid to make mistakes.

Remember when you speak Potawatomi that this is your language and, even if you or your immediate family don't speak, it this language was spoken for thousands of years by your ancestors. So, honor your ancestors and give learning your language a shot. Be Proud to be Potawatomi.

## Starting to Form Some Simple Sentences

In Potawatomi, most letters are used as they are in English. However, the I has English's "ee" (long e) sound. Also, the e sometimes sounds like "ih" and sometimes like "uh." A is always as it sounds in father, and o is always "oh."

Ni pi je ezhyayen? (Nee pee juh ezhyah yin) - Where are you going?

Dawewgemgok nde-zhya.(Dow wow gum goek nduh zhyah) - I am going to the store.

Skongemgok nde-zhya.(Skone gum goek nduh zhyah) - I am going to school.

Mikchewiwen nde-zhya. (Meek chuh we win nduh zhyah) - I am going to work.

Shonyawgemgok nde-zhya. (Shown yaw gum goek nduh- zhyah.) - I am going to the bank.

Wisnewgemgok nde-zhya. (Wees nuh wgum goek ndu-zhyah) - I am going to a restaurant.

Tadiwgemgok nde-zhya. (Tah dee oh gum goek nduh-zhyah) - I am going to the casino.

Mbesek nde-zhya. (m-kind of quiet bus, ndu-zhyah) - I am going to the lake.

Mtekwakik nde-zhya. (m [kind of quiet] tuck wa keek nduh-zhyah) - I am going to the forest/woods.



*The Citizen Potawatomi Nation lacrosse team (in red uniforms) engages in exciting action during a recent game with a team from Tulsa. There will be much more about the lacrosse team in the May edition of the HowNiKan.*

# Elder of the Month: John George

by Sheila Hughes

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation takes pride in presenting John George. Our honoree was born in Seattle, Washington on September 23, 1924. His grandfather, Samuel Weldfelt walked the Trail Of Death and located his family in Kansas. Samuel's daughter (and John's mother), June Weldfelt, received an original allotment of land in Maud, Oklahoma. Her siblings received allotted land there, as well.

"I was witness to the incident," John began. "A man came to our door and I was standing alongside my mother when she answered the door. It was a lawyer; he gave a sad story about one of his relatives wanting to leave something to her daughter." He continued, "My mother, I think 'smelled something.' The lawyer said the land was worthless; it would just produce enough crops to pay for the taxes. My mother said 'No!'" John continued.

"Some of her brothers and sisters did



*Legendary actor Yul Brynner leads an acting class during a Broadway production of **The King and I**. CPN Elder of the Month John George is in the striped shirt in the next-to-the-back row.*

'sign.' Some for one-hundred dollars, some for two-hundred, and some just gave it away," He said, regretfully. "When I de-

cided to come back to Oklahoma and see about the land, much to my chagrin, there were eight oil wells pumping away!"

Eventually, Samuel sold his property and moved north to Seattle, Washington. There, he bought 80 acres on Bainbridge Island and the children were entered into Indian School. John believes, but is not positive that 'Samuel moved the family north to have a better life and more opportunities.' He made a wise choice, if judged by Mr. George's successful and superlative ride throughout his life.

When asked about his childhood, John offered this memory offer: "I spent time with my grandfather in the fields and woods. One of the things he taught me was," he said, "if you ever cut yourself, wade out into the salt water and wash it real good. Then get a 'puff ball,' squeeze it into the wound, and it will heal."

John added, "Later, I spent a summer there and got a horrible boil. I used this remedy, and it healed very quickly."

He concluded, "The Indians definitely knew how to heal ailments. This particular

## Re-elect Vice Chairman Linda Capps VOTE "CAPPS" FOR SUCCESS

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Chairman these past 20 years. Please consider the success of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the following areas:

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ Growth of the Nation     | ✓ Services for Families       |
| ✓ Governmental Improvement | ✓ Improved Health Services    |
| ✓ Added Employment         | ✓ Improved Cultural Awareness |
| ✓ Language Enhancement     | ✓ Respect in the Community    |
| ✓ Economic Development     | ✓ Professional Environment    |

I believe that my leadership in conjunction with my capable colleagues has been instrumental in spearheading our Nation's success. I care about the families of our tribal members. I promote sharing the prosperity of our efforts with our tribal members in regards to health, culture, and services. I desire that our children and grandchildren have a brighter future because of their membership in this great Nation.

I humbly request that you vote for me either by absentee ballot or by walk-in vote on June 26 at tribal headquarters. I also encourage you to vote "yes" for the judges and for the annual budget. In addition, I urge those who live in Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 to vote in their respective elections. Please cast your vote for the future of The Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



*Visit my Website  
at [www.LindaCapps.com](http://www.LindaCapps.com)  
to learn more*

## Request your absentee ballot and Vote for Linda Capps - Vice Chairman





John George in costume as The Kralahome in The King & I

plant is now used in the medical treatment and is called sulfasalazine."

As World War II raged, John had a strong

desire to assist his country, but, as he said, "I was only 17, and my father wouldn't sign for me."

He continued, "Then I was drafted. I wanted to go with the rest of them that were working toward eventual victory."

Remarking on his military service, Mr. George offered this about what changed his course in the service, "I trained in the states in Marine training and 'amphibs,' as well. I was supposed to be shipped out to a sea-plane base, but they decided to transfer me to the 7th fleet, so I went aboard the "Dixie."

He continued, "They ended up exchanging me for a chief petty officer. He went ashore, and I went abroad."

He offered this testament to the sacrifice of a family member: "One of my cousins by marriage is in his grave in the water at the

bottom of Pearl Harbor. His skeleton, or whatever is left over, is there in the water."

John mournfully added, "I crossed that bridge many times and thought of him."

The U.S. Marines then channeled John George through the campaign medals - Asiatic Pacific Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Philippines Liberation Medal, and the American Campaign Medal. John basically went around the world and on to Shanghai.

"They promised us a position of the surrender. However, they decided to put the flag and take it to Shanghai for the transfer for the government," John said. "The Japanese held the flag until the Chinese took over."

Our honoree came out of the service in December 18, 1945 as a Signalman 1st class. "They wanted me to sign over for the atomic bomb testing, but I decided 'No,'" John said emphatically. "I wanted to be out of the service, I had had enough at that point, so I decided to leave when my time was up."

Mr. George's older brother had married shortly before the war ended, and his wife gave him a book for Christmas that year. John said, "It was called 'A Star Danced.' It was about a gang of people doing exactly



John George on his 85th birthday at a CPN Legislative District #8 event.

what I wanted to do, and it ended up inspiring me to pursue the dream."

He continued, "So I went to one of my dance teachers (Madam Bublah) and asked her if she thought I had what it takes it make it in the theater. She said, 'I'm not gonna tell you, because if you fail you'll blame it on me.'"

She then told John, "I have a book that may help you." Commissioned by Andrew Carnegie, the 'steel billionaire' and written

See JOHN GEORGE on page 24

## Frapp Family Reunion 2010

The Frapp Family will be one the honored families at the 2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival. To gather a large turnout of Frapps, George Adamietz, a member of the Frapp family, has created an e-mail account for people to ask questions and to help them make arrangements to attend Festival 2010. It is FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com.

### Vote for Rande Payne District #6 Representative

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Character
- Professionalism

It is my honor to run for the office of District #6 Representative. It is a decision that was not made hastily. Much thought, prayer, research, networking, and planning were done.

It is important to me that I have the full support of my family and closest friends. I believe that now, more than ever, our Tribe is in need of leaders who support the mission and vision of our great Nation. I am thankful for the work that is being done to insure our economic independence and social advancement.

With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's long list of thriving enterprises and more and more programs to serve our people, it will become increasingly important that we are good stewards of our resources. I am no stranger to hard work and I am very comfortable with putting the needs of others before my own. I ask that you allow me to serve as your District #6 Representative. **Please vote!**

randepayne@comcast.net Home: (559) 627-4128 Work: (559) 271-3736

**Vote for Rande Payne - District #6 Representative**  
(Southern California & Southern Nevada)



As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Council, you are entitled to vote in the 2010 National Election. It will take place at Tribal Headquarters on June 26. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your Tribal Card. If lost, call Tribal Rolls at 800-880-9880. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, return the completed Request For Ballot form to P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.. Deadline for receipt is 10:00 a.m. on June 6 in our P.O. Box. Postage is paid. Your ballot will be in the return mail. Your vote is the most important right and duty of your legal tribal citizenship.

### Citizen Potawatomi Nation \* Request for Ballot \* 2010 Election

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I reside within the boundaries of CPN Legislative District No. \_\_\_\_\_.

(Oklahoma residents should write Oklahoma in the blank above.)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal roll number.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not know your roll number, call 800-880-9880 and ask for Tribal Rolls.)

**Must be postmarked no later than June 6, 2010**



## Accepts Baptists' Acts 1:8 Award

### CPN member Cope honored for youth evangelism



CPN member Victor Cope accepts the Acts 1:8 Award from the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention's Jesus Pacheco, ethnic evangelism strategist, as recognition of the Indian Falls Creek Assembly's achievements. In the photo below, Jesse Hernandez (in the colorful vest), after-school program director at the CPN's Child Development Center and a member of the Indian Falls Creek board of directors, joins board members Jack Comer, Ralph Hamblin (a CPN member), and Maggie Nelson in accepting honors for their work.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Victor Cope was among those honored on March 6, 2010 as the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma recognized the accomplishments of the Indian Falls Creek Assembly. At an Indian Evangelism Conference at Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Cope, Indian Falls Creek Assembly board president Bill Barnett, and the remaining IFCA board members received the 2009 Acts 1:8 award from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (Evangelism Department).

The Acts 1:8 Award is given each year to a Native American Association or ministry, which has done something extraordinary in Evangelism. Cope said, "We are very pleased that our dedication, service, faithfulness and obedience to God has been recognized. Bill and I know that the Glory and Honor goes to God and Him alone."

Indian Falls Creek is held at the BCGO's youth campgrounds in southern Oklahoma. It is part of the largest Christian Indigenous encampment in the world. Dates for this summer's Indian Falls Creek are August 2-6, 2010. It will be held in conjunction with Oklahoma Baptists' "Gathering of Nations," for American Indians, Canadian

First Nations members, Alaska Natives, and Central and South American Indians. The "Gathering of Nations" conference is conference is designed for church pastors and leaders, women and youth leaders, state and association leaders working with American Indians and those who would like to learn how to work with American Indians.

Since 1947, Native Americans from across the United States and Canada have gathered at Indian Falls Creek for what has become the largest Christian American Indian encampment in the world. "We're making a great effort for each people from across the country because, if people will



come and experience Indian Falls Creek one time, they're gonna be hooked – go back (home) and bring and their church groups (here) as well," says Barnett.

Barnett says the annual Indian Falls Creek events are "a great place for people to get training and encouragement and, perhaps, go back and do some great work for the Lord in their own communities."

Typically, more than 3,000 attendees gather for the annual Indian Falls Creek Assembly. More than 100 native tribes have been represented among Indian Falls Creek attendees since that initial Assembly 63 years ago.

Cope says that he attended Indian Falls Creek for the first time in 1964. "As a young boy, I came here with my pastor and our church," he says. "It was one of the greatest experiences that I ever had as a young person. And, no as executive director, one of the greatest joys that I have is to be able to see Indian people come and God touches their hearts. They leave this place with new joy and vigor within their hearts."

Campers of all ages experience Bible study, recreation, and a variety of other activities at Indian Falls Creek. A video providing more information about Indian Falls Creek is available on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNbaY3Vpn\\_k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNbaY3Vpn_k). Cope can be reached at [ndnrev@aol.com](mailto:ndnrev@aol.com).

In 1917, J.B. Rounds and W.D. Moorer, purchased 160 acres of Arbuckle Mountain land as a permanent home for the Baptist Summer meetings of the Baptist Young People's Union. Rounds and Moorer had seen a photograph of the parcel of land on a barbershop wall in nearby Davis.

One early report indicates that 273 persons registered for the first assembly. The summer of 2006 witnessed 44,002 campers at Falls Creek with 5,243 making public decisions for Christ. Since 1917 over 1.8 million people have walked these grounds resulting in over 200,000 conversions and life-changing decisions for Christ during the summer encampments alone. More missionaries have experienced their call to a lifetime of service at Falls Creek than at any other place on the face of the earth.

Falls Creek has grown to become a year-round conference center addressing children, church musicians, single adults, college students, men's and women's ministries, church volunteers....the list and the call grow with each new year. Indian Falls Creek is part of that use of the facility in southern Oklahoma.

## Artist of the Month Karen Sue Milburn



Our March 2010 Artist of the Month, Karen Sue Milburn, is a nearly-lifelong Potawatomi County resident. Karen is the mother of two sons, Rob Milburn and Joe Ray Milburn. "I am proud of both of them," she says.

"Rob and his wife Carrie and their children, Tristin and J.R., and Joe Ray and his wife Charilyn and their children, Jace and Josey - I am proud of all of them," she added.

Milburn is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member through her mother's side of her family. "I am the seventh of eight children of Ines (Vieux) Silas and Pete Silas. Later, my mother's last name was Brinlee." She said. Milburn has traced her Indian heritage back to 1757. Her grandfather was Nick Vieux. Her grandmother was Dessie (Viek) Vieux. Her great-great-great-great-grandfather was Jacques Vieux, whose wife was Angelique LeRoy – Milburn's great-great-great-great-grandmother.

"I am proud of my Indian heritage, and enjoy of the crafts of the tribe," Milburn said.

Milburn's Spirit Dream-Catcher's hoop is created with a willow limb and a woven, spider-like web made of sinew that catches dreams before they reach the person sleeping. Good dreams filter through the woven web of the hoop to bless the personal life of the sleeper. Bad dreams are held in the hoop until dawn and are destroyed by the rising sun's first rays.

The dream-catcher should be placed near the sleeping person's head. One can personalize his or her dream-catcher by attaching something – such as a ring, locket, or piece

See **ARTIST OF THE MONTH** on page 28



# CPN Cultural Heritage Center & FireLake Giftshop

Executive Director  
Karen Phillips

Bozho,

FireLake Gifts has some fabulous new Pendleton blanket patterns and bags this Spring! We also have new Pendleton mugs. New earrings (sterling silver, natural stones, etc.) have arrived, just in time for those spring sundresses. Stop by and see all that's happening at Firelake Gifts!

## Firelake Gifts Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Check us out online at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org>

The CHC Facebook page is growing daily in popularity! We are just shy of 400 fans! Become "a fan" of the CHC on Facebook to stay updated on events, exhibits, and other things going on at the CHC. We have contests and trivia challenges, and the prizes are fantastic (a special thanks to FireLake Gifts). To become a fan, search Facebook for "Citizen Potawatomi." The CHC should be the first link to pop up. Click "become a fan" - it's as simple as that! You will receive an update each time a post is made by the staff of the CHC.

Remember to check out the CHC Tribal Heritage Project's YouTube site. You can find us on YouTube at the link below (if you have a YouTube account, you can "subscribe" to the CHC THP page for updates): <http://www.youtube.com/user/cpn-tribalheritage>

First and foremost, the CHC is here to protect and preserve tribal history and stories. If you have any stories to share, on- or off-camera, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Our Tribal Heritage Department is always ready to interview tribal members, and our Archives Department is ready to document your family history.

Megwetch,  
Karen Phillips  
Executive Director  
CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The CHC is located at:  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
(405)275-3119



## CHC Hours of operation:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

## Tribal Heritage Project Family Video Series Collection

Conceptualized in 2004, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Heritage Project began in 2005 as a concentrated effort to research, document, and preserve tribal family histories and to capture history as it happens for future generations.

Since it began, the Tribal Heritage Project's main area of focus has been creation of the Family Video Series and the Veterans Tribute Series. The Family Video Series explores the individual histories of the 49 founding families of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The series is produced in-house, from research and script development to the finished product. To produce the series, we rely heavily on a family's archival files housed in the archives department at the Cultural Heritage Center and on tribal member oral history interviews gathered over the past several years.

At times we are working from family files containing hundred of documents and photographs. Other times, we are working from a just a few pages. The success of this project relies directly on tribal member participation. Thank you for actively getting involved and taking the time to share these precious family stories, documents, and photos. Individual tribal family histories are being explored and brought to life for future generations with your help.

To date, we have completed 42 of the 49 founding family videos. This summer's Honored Family Video Series premiere will complete the entire first cycle, an accomplishment that will have taken six years. However, it's important to remember that the videos are in no way the definitive work

on your family's history, but they are intended as an introduction to the exploration of tribal family histories.

Often times, the release of the video is what persuades a family member to share something. From the time the project began to now, the amount of family interviews, family image collections, and veteran interviews has more than doubled. The work already completed to this point will serve as a solid foundation, but is only the beginning. As we cycle back through the Citizen Potawatomi Honored Family rotation, we will re-visit each video, adding new information, images, and interviews. As we move forward, I hope to join forces with

tribal members from the honored families who would like to help with their family video.

The following Honored Family History Videos will premiere during the 2010 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival: 2010 Honored Families – *Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo, and Muller.*

We will be set up and ready to do family and veteran interviews as well. Please think about stopping in to interview. In addition, remember to bring your family's images. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Collections Corner: Stacy S. Coon

Any veterans or family members of veterans who would like to submit photos for the Veterans Wall of Honor please submit the following:

\* Must be an enrolled CPN tribal mem-

See *CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER* on page 28

## Jeanine Gaines for District #7

\*Proud Member of the Pappan Family and lifelong resident of District #7

\*Represented CPN as a WINS (Washington Internships for Native Students) Intern in Washington DC in 2005

\*Spearheaded the creation of the Native Voices Program in 2009, a program that trains Native students in new methods for cultural documentation, to preserve Native beliefs, language, and values, and to share the perspectives and contributions of local Native elders

**My platform is simple: I want to connect the people of District #7 to services and to each other.**

Through my work with Native Voices I have had the opportunity to work with community organizations that provide services to all Native people, regardless of tribe. These services range from low-to-no-cost health care to tutoring for K-12 students to GED preparation classes. I will ensure that all members in District #7 have access to these services.

I will also work to connect the people of District #7 to each other. There are several powwows and gatherings every year in the area, but it is no fun to go alone. I will ensure that all members of District #7 know about these events and have an opportunity to meet with other CPN members in attendance.

I would be honored to serve you as a member of the CPN Legislature and look forward to not just strengthening our Nation but strengthening your voice in our tribal government. For more information, please e-mail me at [JeanineForDistrict7@gmail.com](mailto:JeanineForDistrict7@gmail.com) or check out my Facebook page: Jeanine Gaines for CPN Tribal Legislature - District 7.





# CPN Housing Authority

## HOME-OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority plans to purchase 13 homes with our federal Recovery Act funds. We will also offer a sizable mortgage buy-down.

This is a limited program.

These homes will be near the CPN tribal complex and its enterprises. The homes will also be in a price range that makes them affordable. To be eligible for these homes the applicant must be:

- 1) enrolled in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
- 2) within HUD's current income-limit guidelines.
- 3) making application to purchase the home as the occupant's primary residence.
- 4) credit-worthy, according to the application guidelines of First National Bank & Trust of Shawnee.
- 5) free of any felony conviction which includes all household members.

The tribal member's total household income must qualify at the time of application and at the time of purchase.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at [SByers@Potawatomi.org](mailto:SByers@Potawatomi.org).

### VOTE THIS JUNE FOR

#### CHUCK GOYER - the Best Qualified Candidate District #6

Now is the time for me to share my abilities and years of experience with our tribal members. Now is the time our tribe needs someone uniquely qualified to address the business and cultural concerns of our people! With the education and valuable experiences gained through many years of participating in our tribal community, I pledge to foster and protect the future growth and continued security of our tribal members' assets. As the next Legislator for District #6, I am proud to offer my time, knowledge, and experience to help advance tribal benefits in our district. Please make sure to request your absentee ballot ASAP and more importantly remember to:

#### VOTE FOR **CHUCK GOYER** - DISTRICT #6!

As an active member of our great nation, I have been able to enjoy many of the benefits offered by our Tribe. The list below, is just a small sample of the goals I've achieved and the life-changing experiences I have enjoyed through the years that will benefit our people.

- Masters Degree in Tribal Gaming Management
- 5 years as Regional Director of Southern California and Southern Nevada
- Board member, San Diego County Board of Indian Organizations
- Participant, Potawatomi Language conference (5 years)
- Gathering of Nations Participant (5 years), forming relationships with tribal leaders from around the United States and Canada

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me at 760-888-7144 or e-mail me at [chuck@threefeathersgaming.com](mailto:chuck@threefeathersgaming.com). Or visit my website at [www.threefeathersgaming.com](http://www.threefeathersgaming.com) where education and consulting services concerning TRIBAL GAMING MANAGEMENT and BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION topics are offered at no cost to Native American tribes.

Chi-Migwetch, Chuck "Bonse" Goyer  
The Best Qualified Candidate  
for Legislator, District #6

Chuck,  
Donna,  
& Ron  
Goyer



## VOTE DR. CLYDE SLAVIN DISTRICT 8, NW REGION OF THE CPN

HONESTY, INTEGRITY, HARD-WORKING, AND COMMITTED ARE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE CPN MEMBERS INVOLVED WITH THE WORK OF THE TRIBE. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THESE PEOPLE WHO SEEK THE GREATER GOOD OF OUR NATION.

#### I SEEK YOUR VOTE TO WORK FOR THE TRIBE.

REMEMBERING THAT THE NATION IS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH VARIOUS NEEDS IS EASILY OVER LOOKED. MY WORK AS AN OPTOMETRIST DEALS WITH THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS. I WORK TO IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH EYE CARE.

#### I SEEK TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE WITH OUR NATION'S RESOURCES.

**HEALTH CARE** THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS NOT THE ANSWER TO OUR HEALTH CARE NEEDS, IT'S PART OF IT. I WILL WORK TO IMPROVE HEALTH WITH ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT PROGRAMS.

**EDUCATION** IS NOT JUST FOR THE YOUNG. ADULTS MEETING PERSONAL NEEDS WITH BETTER JOBS REDUCE DEMANDS ON TRIBAL RESOURCES

**CULTURE** SOCIAL CONNECTIONS TYING THE MANY TRIBAL FAMILIES TOGETHER STRENGTHENS THE ENTIRE TRIBE. TRADITIONS CAN START TODAY THAT WILL LAST GENERATIONS.

CLYDE B. SLAVIN, O.D. VANCOUVER, WA  
360-574-5658 [cbslavin@pacifier.com](mailto:cbslavin@pacifier.com)

When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.  
Native American proverb





## Library Musings

*With apologies to  
the Tunicans and Choctaws\**



Well, the band became large enough and economically advanced enough to be considered a **NATION**, albeit a “domestic dependent” one. The Oklahoma City mayor recently decried the fact that the snow-removal efforts would cost about \$1.1 million per day. He never once mentioned that the Citizen Potawatomi economic impact on the State of Oklahoma amounts to more than over \$390 million per year. That \$390,000,000.00 sure sounds like a lot, and it’s more than you or I have. However, it is less than many other Indian Nations in Oklahoma impact the non-Indian populations. In fact, without the Indian Nations, Oklahoma and its government budgets would look like Mississippi.

How can I say that? Who am I to make such a legally profound statement? Using

the 2009 Oklahoma Indian Nations pocket Pictorial Directory published by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, I found that some Indian Nations will not make their annual tribal economic impact available. I totaled up those that do make such information available. Information on the economic impact by Indian tribes in Oklahoma made available is \$2,888,485, 604.00 (If my efforts at simple columnar addition are correct). That’s two-billion-eight-hundred-eighty-eight-million-four-hundred-ninety-five thousand-six-hundred-four dollars. How is it that Indian Nations can help the non-Indians with their economy and still provide the services that they provide for their own people? Forgive my arrogance, but the voters in Oklahoma need to do some thinking along less unforgiving lines.

Indian people contribute so much because our history and culture teach us that that is what we are supposed to do. We are in the time of the Seventh Prophecy and “time marches on.” The national census of the United States is being conducted this year, and I can view the dreams of Pontiac and Tecumseh clearly. It must indeed be making the non-Indians uncomfortable to realize that people who have created stable societies that are not really “dependent” on their own prejudices and kindred predilections can prosper in this environment. It reminds me of a cartoon I once saw about

building a birchbark canoe.

Not that Indians are so special - “I’m just saying!”



I have an older friend who tells a story about coming home from work one day only to discover there were two old people sitting on his porch, each wrapped in a blanket. He went into the house, walked over to his wife, and asked, “Who are those people out there?”

“That’s my grandma and grandpa!” she replied.

“Heck, I didn’t even know SHE was an Indian. Didn’t matter though, we been married more than 50 years.”

I wonder how badly do people need to hold on to their prejudices until they forge to the front into a “now-or-never” frame of mind. Mamogoshan help us if we reach the point at which irrational, held-in-check negative leadership takes the whole structure in its hands and begins to erode the progress we have been making.

Just thinking about it makes me tired. It’s good that I have some memories to boost my spirit, at least to the point that I don’t close my eyes to the importance of main-

taining culture given to me by my ancestors, even if it did skip a couple of generations.

In fact, this happened one March morning in 2010.

“Mno waben, Mahnee.”

“Mno waben. Ni Je Na?”

“Anwe she she na. Gin je?”

“Wenette!”

“Wa TAY yah!”

It was an entire conversation between two 70-year-old Potawatomi in Potawatomi in 2010. Who would have thought of it in all the years the non-Indians were trying to pound those square pegs into round holes? Is this an opening signal of the small beginning to the new millennium predicted in Aboriginal cultures all over the world? I remember Rose Barstow saying, “You know how dreams are. Sometimes they turn out to be just the opposite.” Well, maybe so, but then again, these sure are exciting times. I’ll certainly try to be less depressing and more upbeat next month.

Bama pi to all, and to all a good night!

Nswemakek

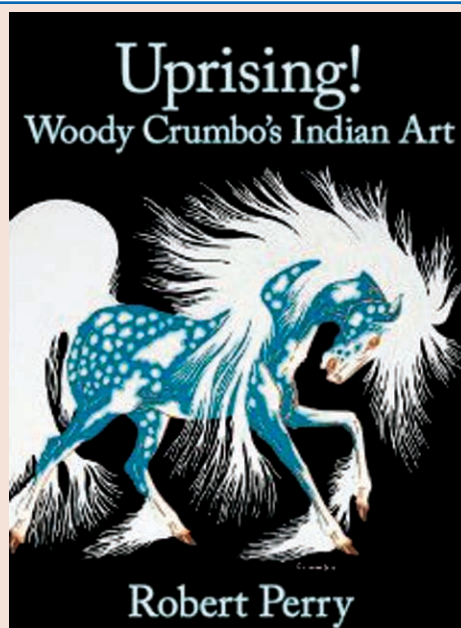
*\*Without the Indians in Mississippi, Mississippians would be in worse shape than they are. The people in Wisconsin would be in worse shape than they are (especially in Milwaukee), the people in Connecticut would be worse off than they are, ad. Infinitum.*

**BOOK-SIGNING**  
**Uprising! Woody Crumbo’s**  
**Indian Art**  
**By Robert Perry**

**2010 Family Reunion Festival**  
Friday, June 25, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
CPN Cultural Heritage Center  
Long Room

Book is available at  
FireLake Gifts for \$30.00

Any questions, contact Cindy Stewart  
800-880-9880 - 405-878-5830  
CStewart@Potawatomi.org



**ALAN BECKER**  
**FOR**  
**VICE CHAIRMAN**

- ✓Protection of our Sovereignty rights
- ✓Continuation of Economic Growth
- ✓Improvement of Health Services
- ✓Improvement of Education Services

**IT’S TIME FOR THE NEXT  
GENERATION TO STEP UP  
AND SERVE THE PEOPLE.**

**ANDERSON FAMILY**



**Vote Alan Becker**  
**Vice Chairman**



**These Descendants of the Toupin Family  
urge you to cast your vote for  
PROVEN LEADERSHIP, VISION,  
STABILITY & CONTINUED PROGRESS  
for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation**

**Afghanistan-**

Captain Stacy Soutter

**Boulder, CO-**

Jeremy E. Trousdale

**Cleveland, OK-**

Susan (Trousdale) Soutter

Clarence E. Trousdale

**Colorado Springs, CO-**

Jason W. Trousdale

**Dallas, TX-**

Kerry Tremain

**Edmond, OK-**

Alexandria Adams

Kari Adams

Tyler Adams

Lauren Neundorf

Barbara (Trousdale) Pope

Darla Smith

**Enid, OK-**

Brandon Hackett

Gail (Trousdale) Hackett

Steve Hackett

Emily Long

Lori Long

**Midwest City, OK-**

Mike Carr

Mark French

Patricia (Trousdale) Tremain

**Norman OK-**

Katy Long

Amanda (Trousdale) Oakes

Damaris Oakes

Stella Oakes

Andrew Trousdale

Andy Trousdale

Beau Trousdale

Brooke Trousdale

D. Wayne Trousdale

J. R. Trousdale

Joe Ryan Trousdale

Taylor Trousdale

**Oklahoma City, OK-**

Rachel Hackett

Alison Naifeh

Annisia Naifeh

Max Naifeh

Andrew P. Stodghill

Marth Stodghill

Kendra Trousdale

Kenny A. Trousdale

Stephanie Trousdale

**Pawnee, OK-**

Sam R. Soutter

**Perrieville, LA-**

Denise Obr

Joe Obr

Nate Obr

**Talhequah, OK-**

Sarah (Trousdale) Castillo

Dr. William F. Trousdale

**Tecumseh, OK-**

B.J. Trousdale

Bob Trousdale

Bobby Gene Trousdale III

**Yukon, OK-**

Billy Charles Trousdale

Tamra Trousdale



**Re-Elect Vice Chairman**

**Linda  
Capps**

**Someone Others Want to Follow!**

*Linda Capps*

**Re-Elect Representative Dave Carney  
District 8**

**AK, ID, WA, OR, MT, WY, ND, SD, and NE**

In my six months in office, I have:

- Opened a District Office in Olympia, WA to meet CPN members and guests from other Nations. Developed an in-office Native American Library.
- Developed and kept updated a website for the district members to stay informed as to services, events and issues involving our district and our members:  
[www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com)
- Surveyed members to determine priorities and future events for our area.
- Personally contacted 55+ Indian Health Services facilities in AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, NE, ND and SD to confirm their commitment to serving local CPN members and eligibility requirements. See "Clinic" tab on [dave-carney.com](http://dave-carney.com) for specific information.
- Hosted CPN Events which have included: an open house, a language class, viewing of Trail of Death (1838) video, a drum making/crafts and genealogy workshop. These events were led by myself and subject experts from our District 8 family.
- Begun building working relationships with other legislators through committee work and legislative meetings and events.
- Answered your requests for assistance and information and done my best to serve you.

**[www.Dave-Carney.com](http://www.Dave-Carney.com)**

Dave Carney  
Representative, District #8  
(360) 753-4395; 1-877-335-4395  
2747 Pacific Ave., Suite B-21  
Olympia, WA 98501  
[dcarney@potawatomi.org](mailto:dcarney@potawatomi.org)





# Community Development Corporation

## DC Cake Appeal

DC Cake Appeal owners David Conway, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, and Owen Davis opened their bakery in response to popular demand. Before they opened that first bakery, David and Owen were doing small catering events, cakes, and desserts for friends and family. But, everyone insisted they should start their own business.

With that seed planted, David and Owen soon realized that, with David's business and customer service background and Owen's culinary experience and talent, they would have a great foundation for beginning their business venture.

Owen began his culinary career after earning an Associates degree in Culinary Arts from OSU/Okmulgee. He owned his own bakery before he was 25 years old. David has a strong background in business management and customer service. He was a General Manager for Sprint before becoming an entrepreneur, and feels it was the experience he gained during those years that prepared him for managing his own business.

Soon, DC Cake Appeal opened its first bakery on MacArthur Street in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Within a year, they had outgrown that location and were ready to expand their business to include a restaurant. Today they operate a successful boutique bakery, and restaurant at 2033 N. Kickapoo.

The restaurant is open from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. They serve baked potatoes, a variety of soups, and a salad bar with more than 50 items. Plans are for DC Cake Appeal to expand its menu to serve Panini sandwiches and Made in Oklahoma Henderson Coffee Company coffees as well. DC Cake Appeal also offers full-service event catering.

When asked what gives DC Cake Appeal its competitive edge, the owners said it is their uniqueness. David added, "We are in business to sell 'us.' We do not strive to become a chain-type restaurant. We always want to deliver uncompromised quality as well as a welcoming, upbeat atmosphere."

David and Owen pride themselves on making their customer experience the best it can be, blending top-notch customer service with serving a quality product that sur-



DC Cake Appeal owners Owen Davis and David Conway

passes customer expectations. This commitment to excellence was proven during the last two Tasty Affair Shawnee Chamber of Commerce events. In those competitions, DC Cake Appeal has won the People's Choice award for presentation and quality.

DC Cake Appeal is especially proud of the diverse clientele the establishment attracts. Every day, they serve people of all ages and walks of life. David said, "The more diverse the crowd becomes the more I enjoy coming to work."

They are not only Shawnee's premiere bakery, they have people who come from all over Oklahoma to buy their pastries and enjoy lunch or dinner. David said, "It is our goal to be a destination restaurant, we do not aspire to become too commercial; we want to remain quaint."

The DC Cake Appeal team's work ethic and pledge to exceptional quality was apparent during the Thanksgiving rush this year when Owen was able to, in one day,

make 150 pies, 45 cakes, and uncounted dozens of cookies with the help of only one employee. Owen said, "We worked all day, all night, and well into the next day to get the desserts completed by the deadline, but we were able to make it happen."

Because he refuses to compromise quality, he felt it was extremely important that every order be made to the high standards they are known for. Even though demand was incredible, he still made sure every customer received a freshly made, delicious dessert to share with his family on Thanksgiving.

David and Owen said the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, CPCDC, not only gave the DC Cake Appeal owners access to the capital to reach their goal of expansion, but also provided technical assistance. "They continue to support us with their patronage," David said. "The CPCDC was easy to work with and seems to care about the success of our

business."

It is the CPCDC's mission to promote, educate, and inspire the entrepreneurial growth and financial well-being of the Citizen Potawatomi tribal community through financial education, access to capital, business development services, and innovative capacity-building strategies. "We are here to provide support both financial and developmental for small business, as well as to offer a range of personal financial education products and services. If the CPCDC can help you achieve your goal of owning a business or personal financial security please contact us at 405-878-4697," said CPCDC Executive Director Kristi Coker.

## LB Haley's Carpet

It started as a joke. Mike Yoder, the husband of a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, asked the then-owner of LB Haley's Carpet - in jest - when the owner was going to sell the business to Yoder. That owner was ready to retire and replied, "How about now?"

Yoder took the idea to his wife, CPN member Jamie Hubble, and she began to research the business. To her delight, the more she learned, the better the deal sounded. Shortly after she decided to buy LB Haley's, Hubble contacted the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development, CPCDC, for funding - but received so much more.

When asked what the CDC has done to help with her acquisition of LB Haley's Carpet, Jamie Hubble said. "They helped us accomplish everything. Bob Crothers, CDC Loan Officer, walked us through the loan process."

In preparation for owning their own business Mike and Jamie began attending all the workshops about being a business owner they could find. Jamie said, "After attending a workshop, I was in information overload, but I have since found a practical use for the information."

LB Haley's Carpet currently offers sales and installation of residential and commercial carpet, tile, laminate, wood, and a new type of vinyl product called Flexitec. They sell and install all over the state of Oklahoma.

Yoder has more than 20 years experience  
*See CPCDC on page 23*



## Legislative Columns

### District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikon,

I have to start this article with an apology. We had our quarterly Legislative meeting on February 24, and I neglected to notify my district of the date and time so members could watch it on the internet if they chose. I apologize for this omission and promise it won't happen again.

We accomplished much that I feel will be beneficial to our membership and Nation. We Enrolled 235 new members, 35 of whom live in District #1 – WELCOME. Two of the new members are Hayden Dewayne Slavin and Harlee Don Slavin, sons of Casey Don Slavin. Please recall the February *HowNiKan* and the article about Casey and his service to our country. The Slavin family is very proud of Casey.

Also in the February 24th meeting, the legislature added more than 1,000 acres of fee-to-trust land to the Nation's land base. All-in-all, it was a very productive meeting.

The executive board has started the annual Tribal Area Gatherings with an arduous schedule of a different city each week from February 20 through May 22, with the exception of April 3. Because of its large size, District #1 will host meetings in Kansas City and at a Northeast U.S. location that is yet to be determined. Additionally, because of our proximity, we will share hosting a meeting with District #2 in Virginia.

My plans are to attend meetings in Las Vegas (March 6), Kansas City (March 13), Rossville, Kansas (March 14), Chattanooga, Tennessee (March 20), Alexandria, Virginia (May 1), and the Northeast U.S. (May 8).

I have had several requests from people wanting a Potawatomi name. There is tradition involved in making a request and a certain protocol for the naming ceremony. If you would like to receive your



Potawatomi name, please let me know. I will send you the necessary information. I would be honored to name anyone who makes a formal request. A good time to receive your name is in June during the Family Reunion Festival, when family and friends are present. The request can be made at any time, and the ceremony can be held any place where a fire is permitted.

Denise Allman is again coordinating a pow wow at the University of Ohio, Columbus, on April 24 and 25. For more information, contact Denise at [allman.24@osu.edu](mailto:allman.24@osu.edu). Denise hopes to see lots of Potawatomis there.

As I end all my articles, if you have not been receiving e-mail or regular mail from me with updates of the Nation's activities, it is because I do not have your address or e-mail address. If that is the case, please send your information to me. E-mail me at [rslavin@potawatomi.org](mailto:rslavin@potawatomi.org) or mail me at 6730 N.W. Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151.

Migwetch,  
Roy Slavin

esting, touching, or funny story will earn the prize of a Pendleton blanket. I will publish entries in the May column, so the contest deadline is April 15, 2010.

If you don't have a CPN ID, please log onto our Website ([www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)), choose 'Services,' then choose 'Tribal Rolls.' On the Tribal Rolls page, scroll down and click on 'Download an ID Request Form.' You will need to have a photograph that shows your face clearly, but it will be returned. Complete the form and mail to Charles Clark in Tribal Rolls. Your ID will be provided by return mail. If you have received a Potawatomi name and Tribal Rolls has it entered in the files, that name also will be noted on the ID card.

As an alternative, you can get your ID made on the spot if you are attending one of the Tribal Area Gatherings in District #2 over the next months - on March 20 in Chattanooga, Tennessee; on Saturday, May 1 in Alexandria, Virginia; and on Saturday, May 22 in Arkansas (location TBD). (Of course, if you wait until May to get your ID you can't use it in connection with the New Year contest. . . .)

You will be receiving mailed invitations to these Gatherings from Shawnee – but details are already posted online at [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org) under events. For fun I've also added the details to Events pages accessible through my Facebook page, which you are welcome to view if you have a Facebook account. I'd be pleased to have many more Potawatomi Facebook friends (our community is growing). So, please 'friend me' today (and put CPN in your friend request message).

On the topic of Facebook, Kansan Peggy Kinder has created two Facebook pages for the upcoming Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, which the Citizen Potawatomis will host this year from August 5 through 8. One page is a meet-and-greet/information exchange page [2010 Annual Bodewadmi/Potawatomi Gathering]. The other posts photographs of past Gatherings [Potawatomi Gathering Pictures]. A big thank you to Peggy for her time on this!

Please know that you will have a remarkable time if you are able to attend the Gathering. I say that based on my only Gathering experience, which was in Mayetta last year, when the Prairie Band



Potawatomis hosted. It was a very memorable time, and I now consider the Gathering an annual don't-miss event!

While our tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Archive was snowed out, we've got a new date: Friday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in Suitland, Maryland). It's great that virtually everyone who was scheduled to visit in early February can attend on the make-up date, but that means that space for the March tour is otherwise very limited. Interest in this event seems high across District #2, so I expect to plan another tour in the summer or fall (the NMAI archivist reports that there are no available dates until then).

Please do take the virtual tour via my Website ([evamariecarney.com](http://evamariecarney.com)). It features the 40 objects we will be shown during our archives visit, which the CPN Archivist, Blake Norton, helped select (from among some 600). We will select another set of objects for the summer/fall tour.

I have written before about the Nation's application for a grant to build and maintain an eagle aviary for injured eagles. We were notified recently that we won the grant from the Department of the Interior as part of the Tribal Wildlife Grants program. Having this opportunity to care for injured birds that are integral to our Native culture and traditions will be a great honor. I want to publicly thank CPN Self-Governance Director Rhonda Butcher and her very hard-working staff for the work in securing this grant.

During our February Legislative Meet-

### District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho. nikan (Hello, friends)!

I can report that if you hurry you've got a good shot at winning my New Year contest, since there are still no entries! I hope

to receive some entries soon. You don't have to live in District #2 to win. Reminder: E-mail me with the details of a time when you used your CPN ID card; the most inter-



ing, we admitted 20 more District #2 citizens to our rolls. Welcome, and I hope you will participate as actively as you can in our activities. I know that one of our newest citizens, Sofia from Northern Virginia, who was born this past July, has some growing to do before she can dance and do beadwork. But it'll be here before we know it!

I can't wait to meet citizens from District #2 at the upcoming Tennessee, Virginia, and Arkansas meetings. Please make sure to come up and introduce yourselves, if I don't get to you first!

Elections are coming up again, fast. All Tribal members will vote in the election for one of the two candidates for the Vice Chairman position (everyone votes for the three Executive positions), and on the proposed annual budget for expenditure of set-aside funds, which includes funds for operating the Legislative District offices and for the series of Spring Tribal Area Gatherings.

Please make a point of returning your request for an absentee ballot, which you will receive in the mail shortly, and then voting. I hope you will agree that it is vital that we all exercise our right to vote.

Thank you for the honor of representing you. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns I can help you with. I continue to need District #2 citizens to come forward by e-mail or phone call to let me know you are out there in District #2. Did you know that, for all my entreaties, I still have only 250 or so e-mail/regular mail addresses for folks in District #2? I need to grow that list but can't without your help! Bama pi (till next time),  
Legislator Eva Marie Carney  
District #2/Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
701 8th Street NW, Suite 340  
Washington, DC 20001  
TOLL FREE: 1.866.961.6988  
ecarney@potawatomi.org or  
evamariecarney@gmail.com

## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, friends):

In my lifetime, I have had the opportunity to visit a number of special streets or areas in various cities in our country. Olvera Street in Los Angeles. Calle Ocho in Miami, and China Town in San Francisco are typical examples of a street or area that has been created to help a specific ethnic group. In general terms, we think that the reason is to assist them in assimilating in the US.

However, these streets or areas serve another very important role! They allow that group to help each other and ensure, where possible, they are supporting their heritage, and culture, plus providing financial support to each individual business.

Years ago, I had the opportunity to talk to a Jewish relative-in-law about how they as a group help one another become successful. The gentleman said that, as he was growing up, his family taught him that, as a part of their culture, they have a moral obligation to help each other become successful in business.

In their culture, normally they financially back their own children in their financial ventures. However, if for example, your brother had sons and your brother had walked on, you and the rest of the family would fund the seed money for your brothers' sons to start their business. If they initially failed, they would be given a start a



second and third time, if necessary.

In 2008, our CPN economic development department in 2008 created a Buy Potawatomi Business Directory identifying businesses owned by the members of our tribal nation. In looking at District #3, I noted that there are not many listed. However, there must be a number of you who own your business and are not using this assistance.

The question now is, "How do you get the kind of cultural support that I have just been describing?" Are you listed as a HUB firm? Are there business opportunities that

you may be missing?

Both Ron Goyer in District #6 and I, in District #3, have gotten involved in the American Indian Chamber of Commerce in our respective areas. For District #6, their Website is [www.AICCCAL.org](http://www.AICCCAL.org). For District #3, the Website is [www.AICCT.com](http://www.AICCT.com)

On a daily basis, AICCT sends me e-mails on a whole variety of events and workshops and announces meetings with the business diversity representatives of major firms - firms like the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, AMR, and JC Penney Co.

AICCT sends out bid notifications for many of the firms and institutions in our metroplex. They will direct you to sources to help you become a HUB firm. HUB firms are given priority in bidding on government and scholastic contracts.

For those of you who have a business, I urge you to take advantage of the American Indian Chambers to help you open new doors of business opportunity. Please consider joining an American Indian Chamber of Commerce and also get your business listed in the future "Buy Potawatomi Business Directory."

Why not develop cultural support similar to what has been used on Olvera Street by the Mexicans who founded Los Angeles, the Cubans who put together Calle Ocho in Miami, and the Chinese who have their China Town in San Francisco, New York, and several other cities.

For those of us who don't own our own business, where possible we need to financially support the businesses of our fellow Native Americans.

In District #3, the following business are Potawatomi-owned and we need to support them: Country Cottage Homes in Porter, Texas. Scott Stamp and Embossing in Webster, Texas. Philco Brokerage in Ben-

brook, Texas. Motor-Tech in Cleburne, Texas. Jimmie's Plumbing Service, Inc. in Mesquite, Texas. Fire Lake Resources, Inc in Houston, Texas. Trinity Trailer Sales and Services, Inc in Dallas, Texas. Lisle Violin Shop in Pasadena, Texas, and, Kim Delagarza with Coldwell Banker in Mesquite, Texas.

Along with supporting our own relatives in the Nation, we need to take up the position Tecumseh tried to initiate before being taken prisoner and placed on the reservation. That is to unite as a complete indigenous group so that we have power. A step in that direction is to look at the Websites for the American Indian Chambers of Commerce in District #3 and District #6 and buy from those firms if at all possible.

Given the current state of the U.S. economy, we need to help one another where possible and financially support all American Indian Businesses.

In the 1860s, the government used the divide-and-conquer approach to defeat all the indigenous peoples, and we have all been working on growth plans to rebuild our individual nations.

In closing, I am asking you to help all American Indians by working together and financially supporting one another with our dollars in the market place wherever it is possible. In so doing, it will be the power needed to help all succeed.

I again thank each and everyone one of you for allowing me to be your elected representative. My goal is to serve you well. Please contact me on any needs or issues where you believe I can help.

Bama Pi (Later),

Bob Whistler/Bmashi

CPN District #3 - Representative

112 Bedford Rd. Suite 116

Bedford, TX 76022

817-282-0868

## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Fiends,

I hope I find you all well. It is hard to hear in the news about global warming when this winter does not seem to want to end.

I am sure many of you are familiar with the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art located at 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. I am sure, if you are like me, the last time you visited was when your school took you on a field trip. If you haven't been lately it might be time for another bus trip.

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art has a 6,100 square foot facility, opened in November 2009, with three galleries devoted to American Indian Art. The galleries showcase 200 American Indian Artist works. I have not yet visited the museum, but I saw an article in the latest issue of "Native American People" and thought I would check out the museum Website for details.

Most of the items were acquired when the museum was established in 1933. They have however acquired numerous gifts of



Woodland art in the past 70 years, including three of the earliest known Great Lakes beaded bandolier bags.

If you are a teacher, you might want to check out the Website yourself as they offer guided classroom tours. They also have a teacher workshop on April 24th that you might be interested in.

In late February, we held our quarterly legislative session. I know many of the legislators include the resolution voted on in their articles so I will not duplicate that information. I will give you my impression on how our legislative process is going.

I have been in office for two years but I does not seem that long. When we were first all new to the legislature, we were advised that much of the grant money was renewable each year. For example, the February session included a resolution for applying for a LIHEAP energy-assistance grant. We apply for and receive the same amount of grant money each year. It wasn't until I was in this position that I was able to see how much of our maintaining services and growth is with the help of this and other grants instead of enterprise revenue.

Each legislative session, persons who have made an application for citizenship are voted on for enrollment. Mr. Charles Clark, tribal rolls director, and the tribal rolls staff present those people who have met the enrollment requirements. Each person's name

is read aloud and, with a list of sometimes hundreds of new enrollees, this is can be time-consuming. But, it holds personal pride for legislators who are enrolling grandbabies or other family members.

We also have to consider those people volunteering to disenroll or who are being disenrolled because they are citizens of another Native American tribe. Please be assured that this is a matter that is looked at very closely and has the most discussion. However, it is a provision in our constitution that citizens voted on and approved.

My last thought on the legislature is that you, our members, have voted in a great group of representatives. Each of them is from a different walk of life and brings an independent point of view to the table. It is about time for the next election; make sure you participate and request a ballot.

I look forward to meeting more of you at the Tribal Area Gatherings in Kansas City and in Rossville. As always I would be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time at my office the address below. Please contact me if you have any questions

Migwetch,  
Theresa Adame  
CPN Legislator, District #4  
TAdame@Potawatomi.org  
2007 S W Gage  
Topeka, KS 66604

## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello to all,

Today, I wanted to share a tribal legend with you. There are many beautiful stories, and each community or nation alters them to their version or experience of long ago.

We were not there to judge a level of truth or question the reality. These legends seem to make sense of a time when stories were passed down to give hope in difficult times, a time when life didn't make sense as we know it today. The thought of this being reality was a nightmare.

When you hear the legends and live long enough to watch them come to pass .. now, that is worth rethinking. Story? I think not!

The legend of the White Buffalo. Some called it the legend of the White Buffalo Cow Woman

More than two-thousand (2,000) years ago, The Native People were having difficulty communicating with the Creator. They felt they had been cut off and that the Creator could no longer hear their prayers.



This was the reason for food shortages, a lack of rain, etc. (Now, when we say Creator we mean God or Spirit in the way you relate to the Higher Power.)

It is said by some that two men were out hunting when they saw a vision of a calf-woman on a cloud telling them that in four days she would appear at their village bear-

ing gifts. They were to go to the village and tell their people that she would be there.

Four days passed, and sure enough, she did return from the sky and settle from a cloud to the village. She carried a bundle sent by the Creator, representing the four directions and four ceremonies to be used by the villages to assist in namings, weddings, ceremonies to restore health, and the vision quest for communing with the Creator.

Calf-Woman, having completed her mission, told the village that she would return for the gifts she had given them. She explained that, within her, were four ages (according to Legends of America). She could look back on the people of each age returning on the fourth to restore peace, harmony, and spirituality to a troubled land.

It is said she appeared as a buffalo of different colors representing the red, yellow, and black cultures. Finally, the last vision was of the white buffalo, signaling the completion of the prophecy.

I had heard from others that the birth of the white buffalo signified the return of the spirit for all people and the unity of the world as one in peace and harmony.

Now, here is the interesting part. The first White Buffalo was born in 1933. The others followed in Wisconsin in the late 1990s.

We now have four white buffalo, and

they were gathered from their home in Wisconsin a few years ago and brought to Arizona by a group that feared for their safety. One had been killed after roaming out of its designated range, but I would rather not elaborate on that issue.

They are with Jim and Dena Riley, the caretakers of the Spirit Mountain Ranch, home of the Sacred White Buffalo. The Spirit Mountain Ranch and World Peace White Buffalo Foundation is located just North of Flagstaff, Arizona.

There are movies showcasing the story and many storytellers with different variations. When you look around at the many prophecies, I think this one is one of the most exciting. It is one you can hear and see with your own eyes, and it began more than 2000 years ago, according to "The American Legends."

There was a time when people laughed and made fun of this prophecy because there were no white buffalo. They aren't laughing any more.

Take pride in your heritage; there is a quiet wisdom within.

*(Information taken from verbal stories passed down through the centuries and information on "The Legends of America, www.whitebuffalo.webs.com, and Spirit Mountain Ranch.)*

## Frapp Family Reunion 2010

At the 2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival, the Frapp Family will be one the honored families.

Attempting to gather a large turnout of Frapp family members, George Adamietz, a member of the Frapp family, has created an e-mail account for people to ask questions and to help them make arrangements to attend Festival 2010.

The e-mail address is FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com.

Please feel free to ask any questions about the Festival or the Frapp family. Thank you so much.

## FireLake Gifts

Inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center  
Pendleton Blankets, Beading Supplies,  
Art, Books, and much, much more



## District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

On the tribal Website, [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org), there are many news items and stories regarding our tribe and its services. Several of these caught my eye and I thought I would mention them to you in my column.

The first is the Senior Citizen Network. The CPN has begun this program with grant money from the Administration for Native Americans. It will assess the needs of the elder tribal members of the Nation. The focus of this program is to identify tribal members who need assistance to maintain an adequate standard of living. Some elders need assistance in their homes. Others might need help in an assisted living facility or nursing home.

As CPN members, as well as the general population of the country, get older, the requirements of elders and their care increase dramatically.

The CPN is asking tribal members who live in assisted living facilities or nursing home or any member who knows someone who will soon need assistance to contact the tribe. Please call Thelma Campbell, RN at 405-273-5236 ext. 269 or e-mail her at [TCampbell@Potawatomi.org](mailto:TCampbell@Potawatomi.org). My wife and I volunteer at a local nursing home, so I know how important outside contact is to the residents. It's amazing how uplifting a card or a visit can be. There is a Senior Citizens Survey available for download, and I urge you to download or request a copy so we can get this program off to a good start. Contact me if you have questions at [TFinks@Potawatomi.org](mailto:TFinks@Potawatomi.org).

The second article I noted was about the passing of Laura Spurr, Chairwoman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi in Michigan. I had the great pleasure of meeting her and her family in 2004 when the CPN hosted the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee. We met again in Athens, Michigan in 2005 when the Nottawaseppi hosted the Gathering. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all members of Potawatomi Tribes who met her.

Just before I submitted my column for



publication, the Nation received more good news regarding federal grants. The CPN has been included in seven million dollars worth of grant money to fund a wide range of conservation projects. Our tribe has been awarded \$199,823.00 to fund an Eagle Rehabilitation Program. This program will help to rehabilitate sick and injured eagles with the goal of returning eagles to the wild if they survive after treatment. What a wonderful project! I am looking forward to its implementation.

I am in the process of putting together a Website for District #7 tribal members. It will include a news feed for the tribe and a calendar of events that pertain to our area. I want to set up an online trading post, if you will. For instance, I have a wheel chair, walker, and other devices for tribal members who have a need for these items. In addition, if you have a service or business, you may list it on this site so that we can start working toward doing business with one another or perhaps a trade-for-services listing. Need help with regalia? Whatever your needs are, try it out. You can find this site at [www.CPNDistrict7.com](http://www.CPNDistrict7.com). Remember, it is still being developed and is a project in process.

District #7 covers a lot of territory. Gatherings aren't always practical; so, let's interact on the net. It's your tribe – get involved!

Megwetch,

Thom Finks

## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho from District 8,

On February 7, 2010, about 35 District #8 Potawatomis got together to enjoy pizza, learn about genealogy (especially as it relates to Potawatomis), and make traditional Native American drums. When the original event was planned, I thought we could accommodate 15 members making drums; however, due to intense interest, I extended the group to more than 20 with a waiting list of five. We also had five kids making dream catchers. Additionally, there were members signed up just for the genealogy lecture. We were bursting at the seams with District #8 family. *(Go to page 25 for photos of this event.)*

At noon, CPN member Dr. Steven Lynch from Beaverton, Oregon began the lecture. We learned techniques, sources, and resources for doing genealogy research. Steve told of his own discovery of his Potawatomi ancestry and the story of his founding family, the Darlings.

Other families represented in the class were the Andersons, Youngs, Rhodds, Pettifers, Ogees, Peddicords, Dewitts, one Juneau, and an incredible number (about ten in all) of Melots and Milots – many brought to our gathering by matriarch Reba Wittenborn. Some family had not seen each other in twenty years; others had never met until the day for this event!

Throughout the day, Dr. Steve met one-on-one with members individually and assisted them with their family tree, more often than not seeing the interconnection between all of the families.

After a break, the group met outside for fresh air, story telling, drumming, and drum-making instruction led by Alan Hernandez of Lake Forest Park, Washington. Alan was accompanied by two friends, also with Native American ancestry. At one point, we had representatives of three Nations (Snoqualmie, Choctaw, and Potawatomi) singing and drumming in the parking lot. A brief clip of this song is located on the Heritage page of [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com). This page is password protected to assure only CPN members are accessing it.

When the actual drum-making got under way, members were provided 10-inch maple drum frames, goat-hide drumheads, and deer lacing. Lots of fun and with lots of



assistance from Alan and our Choctaw friend and guest, Jesse Lucas. Lastly, we made drum beaters with tree branches that were cut to length, a little padding, and leather scraps bought from a local glove manufacturer. Jerry Whitehead of Bainbridge Island made his own drum frame with a cedar log that he hollowed, sanded, and finished; it was beautiful!

I plan to repeat an event in the future for more members, especially those on the waiting list, to be able to come make their own personal drum. I will be encouraging some of the attendees from February's event to bring their drums to play.

As I have for the last few months, I would like to encourage everyone in my district who needs healthcare to access the Indian Health Service clinics near you. A couple of weeks ago, I visited with Alison Spencer, MD – the Medical Director at the Nisqually Tribal Health Center, here in Olympia. She encouraged me to have our members use their facility when needed rather than letting health issues go untreated.

Dr. Spencer shared a story with me of one patient who had not received treatment for some diabetes-related health issues due to losing his healthcare because of job loss. Now he is a really sick patient who will require serious care. Please visit my Indian Health Service page on [dave-carney.com](http://dave-carney.com) and follow the links to the facility closest to where you live. You will find hours of

**Listen to The Native American Speaks  
on KGFF-AM (1450) or KOKC-AM (1520) or  
on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)**



bers are accessing it.

When the actual drum-making got under way, members were provided 10-inch maple drum frames, goat-hide drumheads, and deer lacing. Lots of fun and with lots of assistance from Alan and our Choctaw friend and guest, Jesse Lucas. Lastly, we made drum beaters with tree branches that were cut to length, a little padding, and leather scraps bought from a local glove manufacturer. Jerry Whitehead of Bainbridge Island made his own drum frame with a cedar log that he hollowed, sanded, and finished; it was beautiful!

I plan to repeat an event in the future for more members, especially those on the waiting list, to be able to come make their own personal drum. I will be encouraging some of the attendees from February's event to bring their drums to play.

As I have for the last few months, I would like to encourage everyone in my district who needs health care to access the Indian Health Service clinics near you. A couple of weeks ago, I visited with Alison Spencer, MD – the Medical Director at the Nisqually Tribal Health Center, here in Olympia. She encouraged me to have our

members use their facility when needed rather than letting health issues go untreated.

Dr. Spencer shared a story with me of one patient who had not received treatment for some diabetes-related health issues due to losing his health care because of job loss. Now he is a really sick patient who will require serious care. Please visit my Indian Health Service page on dave-carney.com and follow the links to the facility closest to where you live. You will find hours of operation, services offered, and details of how to make your appointment.

The CPN election will be here before you know it. Absentee ballot requests will be available from February 15th to June 6th. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue the progress I have been able to make in our district. However, whomever you choose, I encourage you to vote. Election Day is June 26th, during the Family Festival.

Pama Mine,  
Dave Carney  
Legislator, District #8  
360.259.4027  
dcarney@potawatomi.org

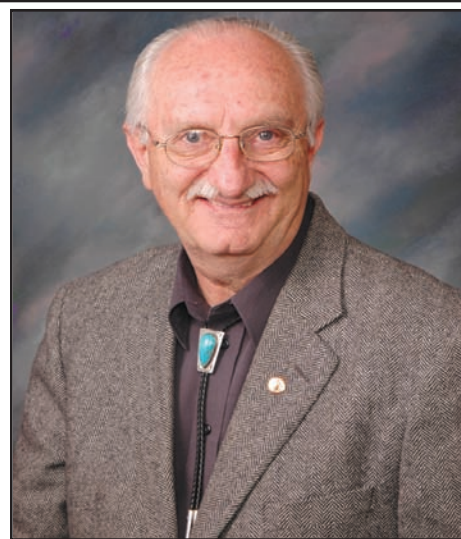
## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

### Marginal Personality

A marginal personality, as I recall from Psycho-sociology, is one who identifies or is a member of two different groups. A marginal person is one who, for periods of time, may live and/or identify with one group; then, for periods of time, may live and/or identify with another group. Also, a marginal person is one who may not be quite at home in one group or identity, and may not be quite at home in another group or identity. Marginal personalities live in two worlds. Sometimes those worlds clash and collide.

The marginal personality, therefore, is the quintessential definition for a vast portion of, if not the majority of, Potawatomi, including myself!

Historically, Potawatomi intermarried with the French and other non-Native Americans. Because of our unique business and trade relationships, our people intermarried to a greater extent than other tribes. This propensity to intermarry continued throughout the centuries. The obvious result of these marriages is a Potawatomi displaying both Indian and “non-Indian” features



especially dark and light skin, brown and blue eyes.

There are those who believe the mixture of these two peoples results in a beautiful or pulchritudinous person and personality; others place a premium on the original color of skin and its identity and consider that person beautiful. Pulchritude resides in both people.

Of course, we must admit that there are

Potawatomi who believe the lighter the skin, the more “American” superior the person, other Potawatomi believe the darker the skin, the more “natively” superior that person is. Neither would use the word, “superior” but their views and attitudes reveal their racist character.

From a political perspective, Potawatomi are marginal people in the fact that we are citizens of two different nations, two different cultures. Sometimes these dual nationalities cause friction; other times this blending of two nations, two cultures, can be a celebration of the greatness inherent in both.

In my capacity as an elected representative of two different legislatures - Citizen Potawatomi Nation and State of Oklahoma - I sometimes have to vote “Constitutional Privilege” in order not to vote “yea” or “nay” on a bill or resolution that may benefit me or be a conflict of interest. This, too, is a dilemma of being marginal.

As a child, my paternal grandmother, whom I lovingly called Nanny Ma, told me that when my father was born, “he showed his Indian.” Billy J. Wesselhöft had darker skin and eyes than I. I received my mother's English, French, and Irish features. I am proud of each national and tribal lineage, including Choctaw heritage, that makes me

the person that I am. This sentiment is expressed in my poem:

*Red Blood  
On the outside,  
Though my skin be so pale  
The midday sun,  
It burns and pains;  
On the inside,  
Indian blood churns  
And flows through my veins.*

I am not offended when my friends call me a “blue-eyed Indian.” They do not wish me ill. However, it is unfortunate that some Potawatomi harbor a degree of resentment or envy if a fellow tribal member is ‘too dark’ or ‘. Too light.’

Being a marginal personality, I occasionally want to combine the two great cultural identities of my life. Sometimes, I want to keep the two cultural identities separate in order to bring out their individual qualities and greatness.

Beauty is displayed in all shades of skin, all tribes, and every ethnic group. As a child, I was taught the words of this song: “Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white; they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.” Enough said.

Paul Chrisstarlon Wesselhöft

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

At the conclusion of our February legislative session, we were able to approve 15 resolutions that were presented, with one resolution being tabled. Six of the resolutions approved fee-to-trust acquisition applications to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for land parcels that totaled 712.962 acres.

As we progress on our daily walk through life, we observe the actions of our fellow man and sometimes what we see about the direction our society is heading might not comfort us. For instance, I'm concerned about the degree of respect we show for our Flag, our Pledge of Allegiance, and our National Anthem.

As I visited with Max Wano during one of our veterans' meeting, he told me he had a poem that I should read. He didn't know the author and had had it over 15 years.

After reading the poem and watching what is still happening today, is it our fault that we are failing to explain the importance of the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance, and the



National Anthem? Let's start out with the Salute:

a. Civilians should stand at attention and place their right hands over their hearts and face the flag, Those who are not citizens should stand at attention.



## Remember Me

Some people call me 'OLD GLORY' others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but what ever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago, people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart, remember? And you I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute.

But I don't feel as proud as I use to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I might get a small glance but then you look away.

I see the children running and playing around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am.. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hat off, so he quickly put his hat back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I have been? The trenches in France, Belgium, Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam !!!

Take a look at the honor rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free, "one nation under God." When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart. I'll salute you by waving back and I'll know that you remember me.

b. If you are wearing a hat, remove it, and hold it over your left shoulder, with your right hand over heart.

c. Members of the military should stand at attention with legs together and feet at 45 degrees as they render the military salute.

From Cheri Sicard's "U.S. Citizenship for Dummies," I want to give a little history about the Pledge of Allegiance, which was originally penned for a public school program celebrating the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. More than 12 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance on the historic Columbus Day of 1892, just like children all over the country still recite the pledge today. Well, almost!!!!

The pledge wasn't always said with the right hand over the heart, but rather in the so-called "Bellamy Salute," with the hand resting outward from the chest, then the arm extending out from the body, palm upward. After Adolph Hitler came to power in Europe, many Americans became concerned that the Bellamy salute too closely resembled the Nazi military salute, so Congress established the current practice of the right hand over the heart in 1942..

The original pledge was "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for

which it stands: one nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." The words "the flag of the United States" replaced "my flag" in 1923. A year later, the words "of America" were added after "United States." The final change in the pledge's language came on Flag Day 1954, when Congress passed the law that added the words "under God" after "one nation."

The pledge never received formal recognition from Congress until it was officially adopted into the U.S. Flag Code on Flag Day of 1942; however, the official name "The Pledge of Allegiance" wasn't adopted until 1945. It only took one year after formal recognizing before the Supreme Court ruled that school children could not be forced to recite it.

I'm concerned about our rights to say the pledge in school, or salute the flag. If you are not in agreement with saluting the flag or saying the pledge, just stand at attention out of respect to others.

For all CPN members who will be attending festival this summer, the CPN Veterans Color Guard will be conducting a dignified flag retirement (flag-burning) ceremony. Not only are there proper ways of displaying, carrying, and presenting the American, Potawatomi, Oklahoma, and

other flags, but for disposing of flags also.

A provision championed by Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 modified Title 4 of the U.S. Code to allow veterans and military service members not in uniform to render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag. Section 595 of S.3001; the National Defense Authorization Act of fiscal Year 2009, amends Title 36 to allow veterans and service members not in uniform to salute the flag during the National Anthem,

also.

Let me encourage all voting age members to take an active part in this year's election of our Vice Chairman. I would also like to encourage CPN members in Legislative Districts #5, #6, #7, and #8 to either obtain an absentee ballot and vote or vote in person during Family Reunion Festival on June 26.

Megwetch,

David Barrett/Mnedobe

Legislator, District #10

DBarrett@Potawatomi.org

## District #12 - Paul Schmidtkofer

Bozho Nikan,

We recently had another quarterly meeting of the legislature where we enrolled another 250-plus new members. This reminded me that we have to continue to make progress as a nation to be able to meet the needs of our people as we continue to move forwards. Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale always keeps an eye on these things as he is charged with maintaining the records for the nation. He would often remind us in the past of this delicate balance we have to maintain.

There have been times in the past when we passed on opportunities because they might have jeopardized one of the programs we have in place and that our members depend on. It truly is a situation where the recourse could cause terrible consequences. So, we continue to move forward, watching our steps as we go.

I believe that, because of the leadership and the makeup of this diverse group of people, we seem to always look at the whole picture. While profits from enterprises are important, they do not replace out commitment to our members. We have done a good job of making it easier for our members to further their education and become less dependent on help. We need to continue to make this benefit available to future generations. We need to continue to look for more options where we can help our members.

With such a small land base to do these things, we continue to try to expand the total area we have in trust. Over the last few years, we have made some headway in this process. But, still it takes longer than I would like. We will work within the system until it improves. Trust status gives us some advantage in our enterprise operations. We



have more control and profit better when we are able to work within our own laws and tax structures.

Some of our businesses, while quite successful, work under narrow profit margins in highly competitive markets. Being able to control some of the requirements such as tax rates makes it easier for us to get a business up and running. That's why trust status is so important. There's really never a good reason to refrain from seeking out and applying for trust status. Hopefully, we will continue to have this advantage. But, as with all things involving the government, we wait and watch - ready to continue fighting if needed.

I recently got word of the loss of two friends. Many of us who have made the trips to the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations will remember Laura Spurr. She was the chairwoman of the Huron Band of Potawatomis. She has made her journey. Many of you remember her from when they hosted the Gathering a few years back. She



was a wonderful host and an extremely pleasant woman. She will be missed.

Also, we have the sad news of the passing of Melvin Maritt. He served the nation as Vice Chairman during the early 1980s. I wish to pass on my condolences to the family during their time of loss.

Spring is in the air here now. After such a long, cold winter, this is good news. I don't remember the last time it snowed so many times in one winter here. Many of us live in Oklahoma because we wanted to get away from all this snow. This year was a wakeup call from Mother Nature.

Spring also serves as a reminder that summer will be here very soon and the Family Reunion will be upon us. I hope all

of you are making your plans to come again this year. It's an opportunity to see old friends and relatives you haven't seen since last year. It's always a pleasure to see all of you. It's also a chance to see what is going on within the Nation's enterprises - what is new or has been improved.

So get your regalia out and get it ready to come into the dance circle. Or maybe buy that first piece you've been eying at the gift store. It's our heritage, so please come and be a part of it.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and this great nation.

Bama pi, Migwetch!

Paul Schmidtkofer

Legislator, District #12

## District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends),

This is my first article in a couple of months because of some personal illness and the loss of my mother. First, I would like to thank my fellow legislators and extended tribal family for all of their prayers and support during this time. Times like these make you realize how important family and friends are.

On a positive note: I would like to commend the dental clinic on their wonderful service and welcome Dr. Misty Sheldon as part of the team. Dr. Tenille Cheek-Covey and all of the staff do an excellent job of taking care of all dental needs. With the addition of Dr. Sheldon and of another dental hygienist, the dentistry team at the CPN clinic can better serve tribal members.

They will be working long hours during Family Reunion Festival to see as many people as possible. Please take the time to call them; they will do their best to schedule an appointment to see you. You can reach them at 405-878-4693.

In addition, as most of you know, we have an extremely important election this year. I would like to voice my support for Vice Chairman Linda Capps as she seeks re-election. It is my honor to serve with Vice Chairman Capps. I have never witnessed such dedication and service to the tribe. We are incredibly fortunate to have her leadership and guidance to see us through as we continue to grow and pros-



per.

Request forms for absentee ballots have already been sent out. Please take the time to fill it out and return it if you are unable to vote in person. Your vote counts!

Please look to my future articles for times and places of meetings/gatherings in the Choctaw-McLoud area. And, please feel free to e-mail me on any topics or subjects you would like addressed at these events. My e-mail address is BBowden@Potawatomi.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. God bless each of you.

Migwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

CPN Representative, District #13

## Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I am happy to write to you again. It would seem that Old Man Winter has finally departed and spring has sprung in Oklahoma. I was ready for warmer weather, and I need to catch up on some long-overdue jobs outside. I think back to our Native culture and how the four directions are important to us and how each one offers us unique gifts. I can't help but tie our seasons to these directions. Just about the time I am ready for a change, we are blessed with a new season.

It has been very nice seeing so many of you as we travel to all the districts to share news of our Nation with you, the members. I am always amazed by so many people who say that this is the first Citizen Potawatomi Nation event that they have ever attended. I am glad that they have come, and I hope that they will like what they see and hear. I believe that we should take great pride in our tribe. Even though we have been on the road for several weekends, we are still just about halfway through the schedule; so, if we haven't seen you, we will soon.

We continue to be earnest in watching over the assets of the tribe on your behalf. I believe that we have done very well in our marketplace in a time when several of our competitors have hit hard times. As I am writing this column, I received an e-mail that contains the hotel study that we have been waiting on to determine which direction we should take with that enterprise. Let me assure you that there is a lot of due diligence invested in the business of the tribe. We have to do everything possible to help insure that whatever business we invest in



will provide profits for the benefit of our people.

This is an election year for my position as your Secretary/Treasurer. I am running unopposed so I will continue to serve you for another four years. This is my third term; I cannot thank you enough for allowing me the privilege of being your Secretary/Treasurer.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation, please doesn't hesitate to contact me or your representative in the Legislature. We have many fine people who care about your needs. Please let us know how we can be of service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation, please call me. I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Migwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/NETEMGIWSE

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

Spring has finally arrived in Oklahoma. What a blessing!

Besides numerous construction projects, there are other exciting developments occurring at the Nation. A welcome feature to headquarters, housing, and the Grand Casino are five storm sirens that will be installed before the summer tornado season arrives in Oklahoma. Sirens will be located at 1) CPN Industrial Park on Highway 177 (it will also serve Citizen Place North hous-

ing complex); 2) Near the historic bridge on Rangeline Road at the entrance of the West RV Park; 3) at the intersection of Benson Park Road and Gordon Cooper Drive; and (4) near the pecan grove at FireLake Golf Course.

The fifth siren will be placed at the Grand Casino property and will provide a sound radius for all the community of Dale which includes the Dale School System. CPN Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Zientek and CPN Housing Director

Register for Family Reunion Festival 2010

on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)

(Access the Registration Page through the Home Page Flash Element)



Robert Carlile have been planning the project, which will be greatly appreciated by the entire community.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary grant was awarded in late February. With completion of the confirmation documents, the Nation now prepares to begin construction of the main cage with side mews and attached workroom. The site for the aviary and housing for the Eagle Aviary Manager has been in place for several months. The program is designed to save injured, flightless Bald and Golden Eagles that are considered non-releasable.

The eagle has deep spiritual significance for Native Americans in the practice of traditional ceremonies and special prayers. Because the eagle is a protected bird, a permit for eagle feathers must be requested from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the National Eagle Repository in Colorado. Acquiring eagle parts and feathers from the National Eagle Repository can be a lengthy, trying experience. It often takes months (or years) to obtain the requested item(s.)

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary program will help create a supply of precious eagle feathers for tribal members, upon their request. However, the program will take a couple of start-up years as the naturally molted eagle feathers are collected, recorded, and stored for eventual distribution.

Because Oklahoma is one of the top 10 states in the U.S.A. for winter (November through March) eagle viewing, the Oklahoma Wildlife Department hosts eagle watches at 17 different sites. The large Oklahoma eagle population means there is



a tremendous need for the rescue of injured eagles that fall prey to shootings, use of crop pesticides, contamination of waterways and food sources, and natural habitat accidents. It is estimated that our aviary will have four birds immediately after the facility has its required permits.

Educational plans surrounding the aviary and other natural wildlife attractions at the Nation can easily be incorporated in the near future. Congratulations go to the CPN Office of Self-Governance for the supreme work on the aviary project.

The Tribal Area Gatherings have been going well. There is a uniform importance of each meeting ... fellowship with family. It is What a blessing it is for me to serve as your Vice Chairman and have the opportunity to meet with tribal members throughout the country. How grateful I am to have such a great extended family.  
Migwetch,  
Linda Capps, Vice Chairman

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, My Friend),

The Tribal Area Gatherings are in full swing. So far this year, we have held meetings in Kansas City, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Rossville/Topeka, Kansas City, Chattanooga, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. This past weekend, we were in Northern California at Napa. In the next consecutive weekends to come, we will have meetings in Arkansas, Illinois, Southern California, Denver, Washington, D.C.

That is a lot of suitcases, airplane peanuts, and airport security checks with early-morning departures and late-night returns. It is more than worth it, though. The enthusiasm of our Citizen Potawatomi people who attend these meetings is so great to see.

I offer my special thanks to Rep. Eva Marie Carney and Rep. Roy Slavin for "going the extra mile" to further the meetings. I, also, offer my appreciation to Rep. Bob Whistler for his work in getting the importance of the 2010 Census in our minds, and many thanks to Oak Ridge North, Texas Chief of Police Andy Walters for his work in securing an incredible place for the naming ceremony in the Houston/Woodlands area (and a great police-escorted "motorcade"!).

We have had a lot of laughter, found lots of newly-discovered cousins and relatives, and enjoyed some really great food. While it is occasionally sad to see some of our favorite old folks are not with us anymore, the pain is lessened by seeing their children and grandchildren celebrate their memory by attending these tribal functions. This wonderful sense of family is unfailingly touching; it gives us, as elected officials, the truest reason for doing the jobs we were elected to do.

If you have not been to a meeting, you are missing a good time. They are held in a nice hotel or resort meeting room with a fully-catered buffet lunch. We open with a prayer in our language (interpreted in English), and introductions of Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, the District Legislator for the city we are in, and usually staff that includes Chuck Clark, Tribal Rolls Director, plus two employees of the Tribe who are Citizen Potawatomi and possible future leaders. Chuck sets up the tribal member-



ship card printer and makes new cards for anyone who wants one, with a new picture and new names if they have them. We have a slide-show about all the new happenings at the Nation, some history pictures and stories, and usually go around the room so everyone can introduce themselves and say what family they come from. Every time, without exception, we see some cousins we have never met and get to make new friends.

Sometimes, we do some old Potawatomi Indian ceremony, since all of you, our people, own this ancient culture and language and are all entitled to do these old ways yourselves. Many at our meetings recall memories of the elders using the old ways as casually as we open our mailboxes, and we remember being puzzled by it as a child. Knowing the symbolism or the old legend that their grandfather or grandmother was using makes it very real for us in the present day.

The messages contained in the old ways are very applicable to our present-day life. The qualities of wisdom, compassion, courage, generosity, respect for the Earth, reverence for our Creator, and a special prayer for all of our blood relatives - living or dead - strikes a chord that still rings in our hearts today, regardless of religious preferences. As a primarily Christian Indian tribe for more than 300 years, we have always used our old manner of worship interchangeably with our Christian ways, seeing no conflict. In the 25 years I have been Tribal Chairman, I have been honored to perform weddings or funerals with a pastor

**Visit the  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
Cultural Heritage Center  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
Call 878-5830**



or priest from virtually every Christian church denomination plus a Jewish rabbi. None of them saw our old ways as anything but a path toward a good life - "The Good Red Road" - that complemented our individual faiths.

Come to a meeting. I know you will like it. We honor our eldest (wisest) Citizen Potawatomi with a special blanket gift, our youngest enrolled member with a little blanket, and a prize for the CPN Legislative District member who traveled the farthest to attend. You get to meet the candidates for elected office, ask any questions about the Tribe, pass on information about your family, and hopefully have an interesting and entertaining three or four hours with good lunch in the middle, and still get home in the early afternoon.

For many, there will be a separate naming ceremony in which they receive their Potawatomi name from a "namer" of their

choice, plus learn the naming ceremony so they can do it for their own family. We have a great deal of research material about every family in our Tribe, so you will have available to you the old names your forefathers and mothers carried to use when you give out names yourself. It is a great honor to carry an old name or a derivative of it, or have a name from one of the original seven Potawatomi clans that their past relative's name was based on. It is important today because it personalizes your tribal identity and makes your family ties and history live on with each generation. Contact the Nation at our toll-free number (800-880-9880) or through our Website ([www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)) to get information about how you are supposed to ask for a name. The more Potawatomi you live, the more Potawatomi you will feel.

**Your** vote in this election is very, very important. The most capable and dedicated

Vice Chairman in our Tribal history is up for re-election. Three important District Legislators will be chosen - Southern California/Nevada, Northern California, and the Pacific Coast/Northwest. More than 25% of our entire Tribe lives in these three districts. They need and deserve to have hard-working and intelligent representation. The entire future progress and direction of our Tribe could change if the wrong people are elected to these offices.

The full slate of tribal judges is up for confirmation, the first time under this new Constitution. All of you received a form to request a ballot, postage-paid. Please use it. **If it did not come to your house, please put your new address on the return envelope.** Many of you are still getting your tribal mail at a parent's address or an old address. Please help us to get an up-to-date tribal roll. You may be missing a very important benefit or notice.

**PARENTS**, if your adult children are getting their tribal mail at your house - or worse, not getting it at all - please send us their address. In fact, send us your CPN children's addresses anyway, just in case. You will be doing them and your tribe a favor. No harm can come of it, only good.

I have an advertisement in this paper that expresses my personal views on the election and some candidates. I pledged to not put them in my Chairman's letter in a previous column. Please look it over. Thank you.

I am grateful every day for the honor of being Tribal Chairman. I thank you for electing me, and I will do my very best to represent you. *"Jagenagenon" - for all my relations.*

Migwetch (Thank you),  
John 'Rocky' Barrett/Keweoge

**Looking for a fun evening?**  
**Your answer is FireLake Min-Putt.**  
**It's located immediately south of FireLake Discount Foods.**

Re-Elect Representative Dave Carney  
District 8  
"Continue the progress we've made"



*I respectfully ask for your vote. Migwetch.*

Visit my website:  
[www.Dave-Carney.com](http://www.Dave-Carney.com)



## Second Annual CPN Festival T-Shirt Art Contest



**Is there an artist in you?** FireLake Designs is excited to announce the second annual Family Reunion Festival T-shirt art contest. All artwork should be Native American themed. If you submit your creative designs to us, you will have a chance to see it on one of the T-shirts we sell in our Reunion Festival booth.

One person will be selected each year. You can submit your artwork by e-mail or regular mail, or if you live near Shawnee, you can drop it off at the FireLake Designs office at 41707 Hardesty Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 (1/4-mile east from Gordon Cooper Drive).

When submitting your artwork, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. Please do not send original paintings or any delicate item that you would like returned.

The winner will receive a prize package from FireLake Designs and a \$50.00 CPN gift card that can be used at any of our CPN Enterprises. This contest is open to CPN Tribal Members only. Please contact the staff at FireLake Designs for contest rules.

Entries must arrive at FireLake Designs no later than June 19th to be considered.

Please email entries to:  
[sales@firelakedesigns.com](mailto:sales@firelakedesigns.com),  
and  
[lwheeler@potawatomi.org](mailto:lwheeler@potawatomi.org)



**FireLake  
DESIGNS**



Please feel free to call us with any questions:  
1-405-878-8770 or toll free 1-877-347-2745





*LB Haley's Carpet owners Mike Yoder and Jamie Hubble*

Yoder has more than 20 years experience in the flooring business, including sales and installation. Mike believes that his experience is what gives the firm an edge in this competitive business. Mike still acts as a consultant for his former employers and has managed to stay on an unusually friendly basis with many of his competitors.

It is Jamie's and Mike's family vision that this business serve their family for generations to come. Their three children - Christina, 16, Wriley, 14, and Mylee, 3 - all work at the store in some capacity when their schedules permit. Mike and Jamie also currently employ two full-time installers; thus, they are able to offer a high level of service after the sale.

Mike said, "When you buy from us, you are dealing with me, personally, throughout the sale, installation, and beyond."

LB Haley's Carpet has recently devel-

oped a Website at [www.lbhaleyscarpet.com](http://www.lbhaleyscarpet.com). Mike would be glad to offer a quote for carpet and installation with no hidden fees. If you need any type of residential or commercial flooring anywhere in Oklahoma, you would be wise to consider calling on the experience of LB Haley's Carpet.

Whether you are expanding an existing business or are interested in starting a new one, the CPCDC is here to help. The CPCDC can provide training and personalized business development coaching, as well as access to capital in the form a commercial loan.

Because it is the vision of the CPCDC to "Enhance Financial Futures," it also has a variety of financial education programs. To learn what the CPCDC can do for you, call 405-878-4697.



## PLP 2010 applications solicited

The Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) has been in existence since 2003. The program is designed as an "internship" for up to eight students to closely monitor and study the programs and enterprises of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The six-week program will enable the students to gather adequate information for them to evaluate future employment possibilities at the Nation's headquarters. In addition, the students will have the opportunity to study their own family heritage and that of other Potawatomi families. They will shadow the language instructors to see how the Potawatomi Language is being taught to children and adults throughout the Nation. The program is also designed for students to attend legislative meetings of the tribal government.

An attractive feature of the PLP is the fact that travel, food, housing, local transportation, and health care are provided through this program. Additionally, program participants will receive earnings to be applied toward future college expenses.

This year's program will begin June 21 and end on July 30. For more information, please call (800) 880-9880, ext. 1103.

Eligibility for Participation in the PLP: a) Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and b) Applicant must have a current GPA of 3.0 or better and c) Applicant must be 1) preparing to enter his/her SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL or 2) preparing to enter his/her FRESHMAN YEAR IN COLLEGE (maximum age 20).

### Application Form for Potawatomi Leadership Program

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of one Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Year or Date of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received a Citizen Potawatomi Nation scholarship award?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If your answer is "Yes," what year did you last apply? \_\_\_\_\_

Next Fall, I will be a: High School Senior \_\_\_\_\_ College Freshman \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution I will be attending next Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature (and, if applicant is a minor) Parent's Signature

(Applicant - Do Not Write Inside This Box)

☐ ENROLLMENT VERIFIED BY TRIBAL ROLLS DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW BY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR \_\_\_\_\_



**Elder of the Month: John George, con't from page 7**



*John George as a Navy signalman petty officer during the liberation of the Philippines*

by Napoleon Hill, the book was on the topic of success, what makes some succeed and causes others to miss out on the success available to them. "I got home, got half way through it and knew I wanted to achieve my dreams." John commented.

"I went back to Madam Bubliah, and she took me to meet a coupla people that were dance teachers with some professional backgrounds. So, I quit my job and continued dancing. Then, it was absolute survival."

"I rented a furnished room; my refrigerator was an apple box on the window sill and a hot plate for a kitchen. The government paid me 32 dollars a month, and my room cost me thirty. I had to make some money!"

Mr. George acquired a job at the art school he was attending. "It was posing for live sculpture. You didn't wear much, and sometimes they had you pose for long periods of time. I would sweat and get cramps, but I needed the money!" John said.

While John George was studying, the star of *The Count of Monte Cristo* came to town. "He was one of the lead stars picked to teach at my school, and discovered I was planning to go to New York. He gave me his number and told me to call him when I got to town. I had done some teaching, and I had one hundred dollars, so I got on a Greyhound with a borrowed suitcase and a footlocker," George said.

It was evident he was determined to achieve his dreams. Mr. George offered these words of wisdom, "Being a ballroom dancer, it has to 'come out of you'; teaching doesn't do it all. It has to come from inside out and has to flow."

Continuing on, he said, "I got to New York, and checked into a motel. I called (his benefactor) and he asked me how much money I had. He came right away to get me out of that motel and rented his couch to me for a dollar a day. His charges for my classes were also a dollar a day."

The next classes he took were again with Madam Bubliah. One day, as he was leaving, John told her goodbye. "Well, she caught something in my voice and said, 'George, I not see you again?'"

John admits that he was embarrassed because he had no more money for classes. That admission brought this reply: "You dance. You pay me when you get a job. You can't be a dancer without finishing your classes. You're not the first dancer that never had any money. (If) you don't dance, you don't work. (If) you don't work, you're not a dancer."

"She kept me alive." John marveled.

Soon, John landed a dancing gig in Houston. He said, "When I went back with cash to pay what I owed, she threw it on the floor and kicked it, saying, 'See, I was right.'"

He began studying under her again, preparing him for opportunities that would change his life. He auditioned for Jack Hailley, famous for the Tinman role in the movie classic, *The Wizard of Oz*.

Classes were then held specifically to prepare him for an audition for the musical stage presentation *The King and I*.

John remembered, "As I was leaving for the audition, Madam Bubliah gave me a glass of wine and a kiss for good luck. I ended up as a principal, playing at Radio City Music Hall." The legendary Yul Brynner played the lead role in the Broadway production in which John George portrayed *The Kralahome*.

The *Kralahome* is the Prime Minister of Siam and a very powerful advisor and diplomatic figure ... The *Kralahome* has designs on taking over the rule of Siam.

Later, Mr. George appeared on television with such luminaries as Victor Borge, Dean Martin, and Jerry Lewis. Our fellow tribal member even appeared on the Johnny Car-

son Show.

Then it was back to Radio City Music Hall, this time, as George said, "My name was in lights." He was to appear on the Ed Sullivan show and had an accident. By mistake, his hand went through a fish tank, and that landed him in the hospital. Describing the incident, George laughed and said, "The one good thing about it was that when I awoke from surgery the (Radio City Music Hall) Rockettes were all standing around my bed." One must imagine the pain subsided tremendously with beautiful and famous women surrounding him

A friend gave John some beads to work with, because his wrist was injured very badly and he needed to regain dexterous use of it to perform well as a dancer. "I would work those beads and work them, then soak my hand and work, work, work," he explained. After this strenuous physical therapy, the time came when the doctor told him, "The sky's the limits!"

So, back to New York John went. He played in *Maggie* and other productions. He danced the tango 'center stage' with Shirley MacLaine, and also played the understudy to the principal in a production by Ray Walston, who gained fame as Uncle Martin in the television sitcom 'My Favorite Martian.' When the show closed, he played various other parts.

John explained, "When the show closed, I came to Oklahoma to check into my tribal roots."

John suffered a stroke in March of this year, losing the vision in his right eye. However, partial vision has returned. He said, "It slowed me down. But, I'm 85, and I'm not giving up. I haven't been physically sharp enough to take on much. If I'd been like this before, I wouldn't be where I am."

Mr. George does have a desire to visit New York again. He is very proud of his Citizen Potawatomi Nation bloodline and had these words of wisdom to pass on: "Do whatever it takes to get you to where you want to go - clean houses, exchange labor for lessons, check into scholarships, just whatever it takes. If you really want something, you put yourself in that position and you 'pull it out of yourself'."

He added, "You have to believe in yourself. If you believe you can do it, the only way to do it is by doing the task." Mr. George concluded with this quote, "Climb every mountain, swim every stream, follow every rainbow, until you reach your dream."

John George is another outstanding example of the talent found throughout the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He has lived a life that is definitely book-worthy. From serving our country to entertaining us, John George is a man who has earned our respect. He, as an elder, for that alone, he deserves respect, but this man, indeed, 'climbed every mountain.' And, I would venture a guess that he is not yet finished doing amazing things.

## Attention CPN Veterans

**I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.**

**If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.**

**I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.**  
*C. 'Rowdy' Yates*  
**405-598-0797**  
**TVR/ODVA/VFW - A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969**



## District #8 Genealogy & Drum-Making



1. Jake of the Snoqualamie tribe, Jesse Lucas of the Choctaw Nation, and Alan Hernandez, CPN member and drum-making instructor; play their drums in the parking lot of the District #8 office.
2. This is a closeup look at the drum-making techniques CPN members learned.
3. Reba Wittenborn, third from the left, is surrounded by her family of children and grandchildren as they attended the District #8 event.
4. District #8 Rep. Dave Carney and his son Nick enjoyed the event.
5. Carol Brown and Dr. Steve Lynch do some genealogy research.
6. And, this is a closeup look at Jerry Whitehead's drum.

### BOZHO!

First, I would like to say that I am excited by the opportunity to be re-elected as the representative for District #7.

Second, I am pleased that others are running in this election. Tribal participation from outlying regions is very important. Congratulations and best wishes to us all.

Third, I would like to apologize for using my legislative column to promote my brother in the past election. I was in a difficult position - support my brother or our Chairman - and I sincerely apologize if I offended any tribal members. I made an erroneous assumption when I noted opinions and endorsements of candidates in other columns.

I cherish many Potawatomi moments including the dance circle and my roaching and naming ceremonies (both conducted by the Chairman). I hope you know that I have been honored to serve the tribe, as Legislator for District #7 and that I would continue to do so with pride and integrity. Based on my almost 10 years' experience of regional representation, I ask for your continued support.

Migwetch, **THOM FINKS**



### Michael Carter/Jijak for CPN District #5 – Mike-Carter.net

Bozho,

I am writing to you today to ask for your vote for the CPN District #5 legislative seat. I believe I would be a valued addition to the tribal legislature. I hope to continue to build on the progress our tribe has made in recent years through the leadership of my friends, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Our tribe has seen much growth.

However, with growth come more complex issues and more pressure on tribal leadership to manage those issues effectively. I have studied tribal law extensively. This includes the federal laws and regulations affecting almost every area of tribal economic development.

I attended law school at Arizona State University. I chose ASU for its renowned Indian law program. Most of the legal work I have performed has involved Native American issues, and I earned my law school's Indian Legal Program certificate.

I am currently a prosecutor for the Gila River Indian Community. I handle adult criminal matters in every stage of the prosecutorial process, from arraignment through trial and any potential appeal. Domestic violence is a worldwide epidemic, but is especially wide-spread on Indian reservations, and Gila River is no exception. Working as a prosecutor has given me the opportunity to help those who need it most, particularly since many of the cases I handle involve domestic violence.

I have also worked for the Office of Tribal Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. I assisted the Department and the U.S. Attorneys' offices with many pressing Indian law issues. I have also worked for the Phoenix-based law firm of Bledsoe Downes and Rosier. The firm represents tribes and tribal entities in areas including gaming, contracts, employment, and environmental issues.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve our tribe as a legislator and contribute my knowledge and experience to continue our tribe's positive advancement. Thank you for your consideration.

Migwetch. Michael Carter



**Vote Michael Carter**



*Walking on, Con't from page 3*  
Belen, New Mexico. .

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Sanders and Elvina Heavener, and a brother, Everett Bostick.

There was no public visitation though friends are welcome to sign a remembrance book for Mildred at the Grimes Funeral Home. Friends were invited to attend a graveside memorial with Rev. Warren Hornung officiating on Wednesday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to Haitian Rescue organizations. The family invites you to send condolences at [www.grimesfuneralchapels.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapels.com) by selecting the 'Send Condolences' link. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

#### **Dearl Wayne Teel**



Dearl Wayne Teel, 44, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2010 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Southern Baptist Church in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, with Dr. Joe Ligon officiating. Burial was in the Rush Springs Cemetery under the direction of Callaway-Smith-Cobb Chapel in Rush Springs.

Dearl Wayne was born Thursday, July 15, 1965 in Chickasha, the son of Dearl Ray Teel and Carolyn Sue (Spencer) Teel. Dearl Wayne grew up in the Ninnekah and Rush Springs area. He graduated from Rush Springs High School in 1983. He worked in the oil field as a roughneck for several years.

Dearl Wayne was an avid fisherman. He also enjoyed hunting and doing carpentry

work. Dearl Wayne was a devoted husband and father. He enjoyed spending as much time with his daughter as he could. Dearl Wayne loved attending family cookouts. He found great joy in aggravating his nieces and nephews. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. Dearl Wayne was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a son, Robert Chance St. John; a daughter, Sarah Nicole Teel of Marlow, Oklahoma, and her mother, Jessica Teel; his father, Dearl Ray Teel of Ninnekah; his mother, Carolyn Sue Teel of Rush Springs; two brothers, Donny Cosby and his wife Sherry of Ninnekah and Kenneth Teel and his wife Cheryl of Rush Springs; a sister, Carol McGanty of Marlow; aunts and uncles Colene Langan of Billingham, Washington, Jessy Spencer of Douglas, Kansas, Annabell of Winfield, Kansas, Mary Spiegel of Moore, Oklahoma, L.E. Teel of Cement, Oklahoma, and Luther Teel of Collinsville, Oklahoma; nieces, Shanea McGanty, Madylin Teel, May'ce Brown; nephews, Kyle McGanty, Jacob Teel; step-grandchildren, Payton Stehr, Ty Ball; and his girlfriend, Debbie Ball.

Dearl Wayne was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Lynn Cosby; his grandmother, Mary Jane Teel; a brother-in-law, Shannon Russell McGanty; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pallbearers were Mark Long, Brian Coffee, Danny Stovall, Jerry Williams, Gerald Caveny, and Allen Morgan. Honorary pallbearers were Darrell Deal, Donny Morgan, and Donny Nunn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital of Oklahoma.

#### **William Clayton McBride**

William Clayton 'Bill' McBride, 73, walked on on February 1, 2010 at his home in Eufaula, Oklahoma. He was born on February 21, 1936 in Oklahoma City, the son of William L. McBride and Mozelle Cook, granddaughter of Delia Bourassa. Bill grew up second-oldest of six children in Mustang and Moore, Oklahoma, graduating from Moore High School in 1954. He attended college in Coffeyville, Kansas until mid-1955 when he was drafted into the army, serving during the Korean conflict.

In 1962, after a stint hauling bricks, Bill moved his family to Colorado and began a career and eventually his own business in outdoor advertising. In 1977, Bill started up



MBJ Trucking, a rock-hauling concern in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and in 1981, moved the business to Checotah, Oklahoma, where it became Macpac Truck Lines, primarily engaged in interstate brick-hauling. Affectionately known to his business colleagues and friends as "Mac," Bill loved his business routine and never really "retired." He also enjoyed reading John Grisham, American history and numerous business journals and debating current events and politics.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Deborah Schmidt. He is survived by his loving companion, JoAnn Hayworth of Eufaula; daughter Adell Burge of Chula Vista, California; son Kevin McBride and daughter-in-law Kristi of Checotah; eight grandchildren; sister and her spouse, JoAnn and A.J. Hickman of Mustang; brother and his spouse Jim and Frankie McBride of Oklahoma City; brother Jerry McBride of Edmond, Oklahoma; sister and her spouse Sue and Keith Turner of Carney, Oklahoma; and brother and his spouse Mike and Margaret McBride of Norman; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends.

Funeral Services for Bill were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Checotah with the Reverend Wayne Beshears officiating. Committal prayers were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the Moore City Cemetery pavilion with the Reverend Leon Wilson officiating. Interment followed in the Moore City Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Family Funeral Home, Checotah, Oklahoma.

#### **John H. Tarter**



John H. Tarter entered into eternal life on April 6, 2009, in San Diego, California, following a valiant 20-year journey with prostate cancer. He was born on October 14, 1925, in Phoenix, Arizona. He resided in Point Loma in San Diego, California, and had formerly resided in Seattle, Washington, and Fresno, California.

John worked for McClatchy Newspapers, The Fresno Bee from 1953 through 1988, and was Plant Operations Director. He was in charge of Newspaper Operations and Capital Projects. John was responsible for the Pressroom Dept., as well as new presses; the Newsprint, the Composing Dept., Engraving Dept., Mailroom Dept., Computer Dept., and Maintenance Dept. and was involved in running The Clovis Independent Newspaper.

He was the youngest newspaper Production Manager in the U.S., at age 35 in 1960. At The Fresno Bee, he served as Chairman of the Negotiation Committee, President of the Pressman Union, and Chapel Chairman of the Pressman. He was President of The Western Newspaper Production Conference, in 1987 and was on the Board of Directors.

Prior to joining McClatchy, John was with The L.A. Times as Assistant Press-



room Foreman and The Albuquerque Journal as Pressroom Foreman. He began his newspaper career at the Pacific Press in Mountain View, California.

He was Chairman of the Fresno Chapter of The American Red Cross for several years. He was appointed to The Consumer Advisory Panel for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in 1987 and 1988; and Lions Club Vice-President in 1988 and President-elect in 1989. As Chairman of Lions Club Vision Committee, he collected more used glasses for the needy than anyone had prior to that time.

He was a Board Member of The Meux Home Museum and was involved with The Fresno Metropolitan Museum. John hand-made paperweights, for Charter members, out of the original wood flooring from The Fresno Bee Pressroom. He was President of the Homeowner's Association at Huntington Park Condominium Village from 1981 through 1988. He belonged to the Fresno YMCA, was active in Indian Guides, and was a member of the American Legion Post #537 in San Diego, California.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and St. Columba's Episcopal Church, in Fresno; St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Seattle (Burien), Washington, and Christ Episcopal Church in Coronado, California.

John's father worked for the government, and he grew up on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Ft. Defiance, Arizona and Toadlena, N.M. John also had Citizen Potawatomi Indian heritage. He attended high school in Lazbuddy, Texas, where he was on the basketball and tennis teams, which won regional and division championships, and was active in F.F.A. He transferred to Mountain View Academy in Mountain View, California, where midway through his senior year, he was drafted into World War II. He had the highest grades in his class and could have waited and graduated with his class, as Valedictorian, but he had enough credits to graduate and chose to go to war. He was proud to have served his country in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and Surgical Technician in the Pacific Theatre of Operations on the USS Joseph T. Dickman, USS LST 951 H at the Battles of Okinawa and Guadalcanal.

After the war, he began work toward his goal to become a surgeon, but was unable to continue, as he needed to work full-time to support his family.

He picked cotton and grapes on his vacation, with his sons when they were growing up, to teach them an appreciation for hard work.

He attended Santa Clara University, Pacific University, and California State University-Fresno, majoring in Engineering.

John was a humble, hard-working, and dedicated self-made man of conviction, integrity, and wisdom, with a gentle spirit - always giving of himself - never asking for anything in return. He was a man of tremendous strength and courage and unwavering faith and trust in God, in the face of many adversities and excruciating pain. He was accepting of whatever life brought his way.

#### **He had a Peace about him . . .**

John had a demanding position as a newspaper executive, but was never too busy for anyone. He always took the time to listen and help. "His door was always open." He was patient and kind and a good listener.

He traveled all over the world, with his wife, Jeanne, including Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and Israel and The Holy Land.

#### **Simple pleasures were what he enjoyed the most.**

He loved his family and friends and he loved life. His cup was not half-full; it was overflowing. He leaves a legacy of unconditional love and hope, his wonderful smile, sense of humor, hand-churned, homemade ice cream, his wink - and the "twinkle in his eye" - and he was a gentleman.

#### **He will live in our hearts forever.**

John was preceded in death in 2006 by a son, Christopher B. Tarter, of Black Diamond, Washington; a grandson in 2008; a brother, Orville L. Tarter Sr. in 1988; sister, Gladys J. D'Amico in 1999; and a brother, Ted W. Tarter Sr. in 2000.

He is survived by Jeanne Tefft Tarter (formerly of Spokane, Washington), his wife of 29 years; sons J. Michael Tarter of Fresno and Timothy S. Tarter of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; a sister, Nancy M. Tarter of West Point, Utah; brothers, James E. Tarter of Fremont, California, Jerry L. Tarter of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Ray A. Tarter of Pioneer, California; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Christ Episcopal Church in Coronado, California, with a reception at Tom Ham's Lighthouse (restau-

rant) on Harbor Island, San Diego, California. He was buried-at-sea on July 25, 2009, by the U.S. Navy, from the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz (CVN-68), in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego, California.

Donations in John's memory may be sent to:  
The John H. Tarter Scholarship Fund  
(For a needy student pursuing a career as a Surgeon [John's dream] or M.D.)

Mountain View Academy  
360 S. Shoreline Blvd.

Mountain View, CA 94041

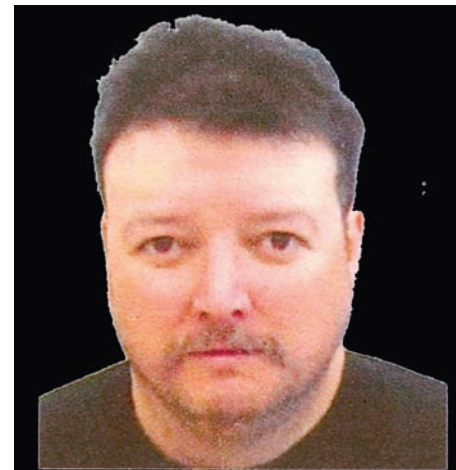
Or to

Christ Episcopal Church  
Music Ministry Fund

1114 Ninth St.

Coronado, CA 92118

#### **Christopher Hull**



Christopher Hull, 36, died Saturday, February 13, 2010. Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, February 16 with a funeral service at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, both at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Road, Derby, Kansas.

Christopher was preceded in death by his brother, Clinton Lee; grandparents, Donald and Odia Belle Hull and Alvin and Oliva Ford.

Survivors include his father, Willie (Cynthia) Hull, Clearwater, Kansas; his mother, Marion Scott, Sedgwick, Kansas; and his brother, Jason Hull, Wichita, Kansas. A memorial was established with Cancer Center of Kansas, 818 N. Emporia, Ste. 403, Wichita, KS 67214. Send condolences via [www.smithfamilymortuaries.com](http://www.smithfamilymortuaries.com).

#### **Charley Louis 'CL' Kime**

Charley Louis 'C.L.' Kime, 84, of Luther, Oklahoma went home on March 21, 2010. Kime was born May 8, 1925 in Ma-



comb, Oklahoma, the son of Charles and Lillie Kime. 'C.L.' was born again in January 1946 at First Baptist Church in Perry, Oklahoma and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Luther.

During his lifetime, he pastored four Baptist churches. He retired from Bible Baptist Church of Luther after 20 years and from the City of Midwest City. 'C.L.' was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and served in the U.S. Navy for three years during WWII. He loved his country and was very patriotic.

He respected and protected animals, was known for his generosity, was a giver, and was good to people. Kime was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister, and a step-daughter. 'C.L.' is survived by his wife, Sue, whom he married in 1967. He is also survived by a blended family consisting of his children, Judy Haxton, Kathy Bridges, Steve Kime, and Gayla Meshew; one brother, J.C. Kime; 10 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Luther Cemetery, Luther, Oklahoma.

#### **Billie Jean Johnson**

Billie Jean Johnson, 84, of Lexington, Oklahoma passed away on March 10, 2010 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Ellison) and Ullie Melot; her eldest son, Jack Graham Johnson; her great-grandson Ian Haraughty; two sisters, Anna Maurine (Mo) Dibler and her husband Elmer and Elizabeth (Betty) Spicer Holland and her husband Charles Spicer; her brother-in-law Donald Forester, and



*Walking On, con't from page 27*



many other loved ones, both friends and family.

She is survived by her husband, Jack M. Johnson of the home; children, Jill Morgan of Noble, Oklahoma, Lincoln Johnson of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Sarah Beth Johnson and husband Aubrey Austin of Lexington; grandchildren, Erin Morgan of Norman, Matthew Morgan of Houston, Texas; Stacy Zimmerman of Flower Mound, Texas, Sarah Lynda Johnson of Portland, Oregon, and Lacie Austin and Carry Austin, both of Lexington; great-grandchildren, Kelley Haraughty of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Alexandra Zimmerman of Flower Mound, and Ingrid Neko Kesswood of Portland; a sister, Maxine Forester of Chico, California, brothers: Ullie (Chuck) Melot and wife Doris of Tecumseh, Oklahoma and Matthew Melot and wife Lucille of Coyote, California; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved very much. Special mention goes to Myles Blackwood, who was in her life for a few years and of whom she spoke fondly, and to Dr. James Nunnally and his wife Agnes, Richard York, Sam Alton, Randy Hobbit Hayes, Corinne and Brian Birdwell, and Leslie and Chris Callaway, who have been like family these many years.

She enjoyed bowling, bingo, Scrabble, Yahtzee, and coffee. She enjoyed her family most of all. She and her husband frequented Kendall's in Noble for breakfast for many years. More recently, they were regulars at Poor Boy's in Noble every morning until

her illness in August 2009.

Billie Jean was kind; she was loving; she was caring; and she never hurt anyone. She is missed more than words can express.

A memorial service in her honor was held on Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m. at Wilson-Little Funeral Home, 127 S. Canadian St., Purcell, Oklahoma. Condolences and flowers may be sent to Wilson-Little in her name.

#### Warren Douglas Stone



**SHAWNEE, Okla.** - Warren Douglas Stone passed on to be with the Lord on Friday, January 1, 2010, at the age of 87. He was surrounded by his family and the loving staff of Golden Rule Nursing Home and Heartland Hospice.

Warren was born July 20, 1922 in Sayre to Lemuel Douglas and MaryAnn Addel Bourassa Stone. He was a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, a descendant of the Bourassa family.

Warren graduated from Wanette High School in 1940 and worked the following summer for the Civilian Conservation Corps. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University, majoring in engineering. During college, he joined the Army ROTC and was called to active duty during World War II. He served as a Combat Engineer in the 99th Infantry and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

After World War II, he returned to OSU and earned his master's degree in General Engineering. After graduation, he worked at Tinker AFB, Sylvania, and Western Electric. In 1961, he went to work for the Fed-

eral Aviation Administration and retired from there in 1986 as Section Chief of Quality Control.

He was previously married to Lil Renney and Loraine Long. Warren married Margie Dobbs in 1957. For the past 52 years, they have made their home in Shawnee.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Ronnie and Greg.

Survivors include his wife, Margie; daughters, Denise Neese, Sheri Null, Shelia Garner, Donna Parmer, and Tina Martin; sons, Michael, Phil, Steve, Oatus, Kevin, and Jan (JT). He is also survived by 34 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Warren was a member of the Earlsboro Church of Christ.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Wanette Cemetery with Dermis Parmer officiating. The family was at Walker Funeral Service in Shawnee, Oklahoma on the evening of Monday, January 4, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to greet family and friends.

#### *Artist of the Month, con't. from page 8*

of hair - of one's own or something that was owned by a loved one who has passed on.

"I had made dream-catchers many years ago," Milburn explained. "Then, in 2007, my nephew Danny Wood made a large dream-catcher for the family cemetery. He told me how he formed the hoop with a willow limb, as our ancestors had. This renewed my interest, so I started making them for my family and now have made them for the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Each one is different, and has its own spider web design with beads, shells, and feathers. I enjoy making them and hope whoever has one has a life of happy dreams."

*Cultural Heritage Center, con't. from page 9*  
ber

✱ 4x6 image or larger in military uniform (original picture if possible)

✱ Copy of DD 214s. If Active Duty, this form is not necessary.

✱ Honorable Discharge

We are honoring All CPN tribal members who served/are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces which includes:

✱ U.S. Army

✱ U.S. Air Force

✱ U.S. Marine Corps

✱ U. S. Navy

✱ U.S. Coast Guard

✱ U.S. Reserve Components

If submitting in person or by mail, you are required to fill out a Veterans Wall of Honor Release of Information Form which gives the CPN CHC permission to use your image on the Veterans Wall of Honor and/or in conjunction with any activities centered around The Wall. Without this form, your items cannot be submitted in a timely manner.

If you are mailing an original photo and would like it sent back to you, please attach a note saying that you would like it returned, and I will send it back once it has been scanned.

Furthermore, to prevent any confusion with regard to the pictures, documents, and/or memorabilia submitted, please speak directly with me (Stacy S. Coon) in order to get these items processed in a timely and efficient manner. If you have questions about the Veterans Wall Of Honor I can be reached at 405-878-5830 ext. 7106.

Migwetch

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Area Gatherings

**1. May 1, 2010** – The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

**2. May 8, 2010** – Northeast USA - Holiday Inn Select, 1801 Naper Blvd., Naperville, IL 60563 - Ph: 630-505-4900

**3. May 15, 2010** – Denver, Colorado - Renaissance Denver Hotel - 3801 Quebec St., Denver, CO 80207 - 303.399-7500

**4. May 22, 2010** – Arkansas - Doubletree Guest Suites Bentonville/Rogers - 301 SE Walton Boulevard, Bentonville, AR 72712 - Phone: 479-268-6106



# Real Estate Services

Your Department of Real Estate Services is secreted away in the northwest corner of the second floor of the First National Bank Building. There, the staff of the department quietly handles transactions dealing with the Tribe's and tribal members' trust property. This column has been initiated as and will continue to be a place of notice of significant transactions relating to trust property. Such notices will include closing of probates, leases, sales, purchases, and major change of ownership status. If you are anticipating transactions on your property, in addition to the notice by individual letter, watch for the transaction in this column.

**PROBATES:** The Administrative Law Judge has rendered his decision on the disposition of the trust assets and property of the following persons:

- Shirley Jane Mulvaney, dob: 07-18-1935, Contest Period Ends: 01-04-2010
- Wanda May Kelly Foster, dob: 09-03-1915, Contest Period Ends: 01-14-2010
- Loretta F. Smith, dob: 05-23-1921, Contest Period Ends: 01-14-2010
- Lenard James Nunley, dob: 08-04-1931, Contest Period Ends: 01-04-2010
- Cynthia E. Bixby, dob: 08-17-1954, Contest Period Ends: 01-14-2010
- Charles William Harrison, dob: 10-07-1923, Contest Period Ends: 01-25-2010

**FEE TO TRUST TRANSACTIONS:** The Hatley 34 property, 34 acres in the northeast corner of Hardesty Road and HWY 177, which wraps around the Sonic Drive-In, was taken into trust in March 2010. The title to the property now reads "owned by the United States of America in Trust for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

**PIPELINE LEASES:** Notice is hereby given to the owners of CP 219 Alexander Rhodd allotment that a petroleum pipeline lease renewal across this allotment has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a lease period of 20 years starting February 23, 2010. The lessee is Enerfin Resources a Limited Partnership. Bonus payments were due to be distributed to owners' Individual Indian Money accounts about April 10, 2010.

**FARMING & GRAZING LEASES:** Farming and Grazing leases on the following allotments will expire December 31, 2010. The lease renewal process is underway and is expected to be completed in late fall of this year such that the new leases can start January 1, 2011.

- CP 87 Ellen Yott, Sec. 4-5N-4E, containing 80.00 acres

- CP 100 Joseph Haas, Sec.3-5N-4E, containing 80.00 acres
- CP 326 Myra-Nahk-sa, Sec.3-5N-4E containing 80.00 acres
- CP 326 Myra-Nahk-sa, Sec.4-5N-4E, containing 80.00 acres
- CP 395 C Peter Curley Sec.4-6N-4E containing 40.00 acres
- CP S 575 E Almira Bayliss, Sec.4-8N-4E, containing 79.16 acres
- CP 714 Cora Gregson, Sec.26-7N-2E, containing 80.00 acres
- CP 809 Frank Davis, Sec.15-7N-4E, containing 80.00 acres
- CP 325 D Harriet Pratt, Sec.13-8N-4E, containing 10.00 acres
- CP C 33 E Mary Bourbonnais, S e c . 12-9N-3E, containing 40.00 acres
- CP C 133 John Phelps, Sec.33-9N-1E, containing 80.00 acres

## CPN Veterans Organization Commander's Corner

Bozho,

Yeah!! We finally have the Website up. The Website is at [www.CPNVeterans.com](http://www.CPNVeterans.com). We also licensed [www.CPNVeterans.org](http://www.CPNVeterans.org) and [www.CPNVeterans.net](http://www.CPNVeterans.net). But, to remain informed about the CPN Veterans Organization, use [www.CPNVeterans.com](http://www.CPNVeterans.com).

This site will provide information on activities and allow prospective members to fill out the application to join the Veterans Organization from anywhere in the U.S.A.

Soon, we will have our new flag that depicts all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The honor guard and the color guard will have new berets that give them a more professional look when they perform ceremonies, etc. We will perform a flag retirement ceremony during the 2010 Family Reunion Festival. We hope to be able to make this an annual event.

The past year was most eventful and memorable. During 2009, the CPN Veterans Organization was honored with a request to participate heavily in making the visit of the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall to Shawnee a huge success. Vice Commander Michael Abel led the procession that took the Wall from the LaQuinta

Inn to Veterans Park in downtown Shawnee. We hosted a well-received flag retirement ceremony during the Wall's visit. And, we were the only organization that provided concessions for the large crowds that came to view the Wall.

In December, the Vets contributed time and money for groceries for 68 food baskets in the community, along with toys from Target to help needy children. The Shawnee Veterans Memorial is behind schedule because of bad weather but, at the 2010 Family Reunion Festival, our members will be able to see our new granite benches that will be inside the Memorial.

Membership dues for calendar year 2010 are just \$20.00. Please send them to CPN Veterans Organization, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. The organization will send your 2010 membership card via return mail.

Well, that's it from here. Have a wonderful month and keep the prayers going for our armed forces members who are serving overseas.

Migwetch,  
Keith Cagle,  
CPN Veterans Organization, Commander

## Michael Carter/Jijak for CPN District 5 [www.Mike-Carter.net](http://www.Mike-Carter.net)



### Knowledge, Integrity, Commitment to our Issues

**Family:** Descendant of the Peltier family, Proud husband and father

**Education:** J.D., Arizona State University, Certificate in Indian Law; B.A., Anthropology, Texas Tech University

**Experience:** Currently, Prosecutor for the Gila River Indian Community; Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice; American Indian Policy Institute – Research Assistant; Pre-Law Summer Institute for Native Americans, Teaching Assistant

**Service:** Represented indigent Native American clients in State court

Helped organize voter protection on local reservations for 2008 election

**Publications:** Co-author, Tribally-Driven Participatory Research: State of the Practice and Potential Strategies for the Future, Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice (Fall 2009)

**Contact: Web - [www.Mike-Carter.net](http://www.Mike-Carter.net)  
E-mail - [Michael.S.Carter@asu.edu](mailto:Michael.S.Carter@asu.edu)**



An advertisement by Tribal Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett

**Fellow Citizen Potawatomi, I need your help. Your vote in this election is very, very important.**



*At Walpole Island Gathering of the Nations*

**Why?**

**First and most important, *Vice Chairman Linda Capps*, the most tested, capable, and dedicated Vice Chairman in our Tribal history, is up for re-election.**

**Please vote for her.**

Simply put, she is essential to our Tribe and our government. The Office of Tribal Chairman is not one person. The Constitution allows the Tribal Chairman to delegate duties of his office to the Vice Chairman. I can do so with complete confidence. The sharing of responsibility with Vice Chairman Capps allows each of us to concentrate on our individual strengths, with the whole greater than the sum of the parts. I believe the record speaks for itself. The Nation would not be where it is without her. Eight generations of her Navarre family helped to lead our people. Vice Chairman Linda Capps has held tribal office for two decades with great distinction, achieving national recognition for her talents. With her astonishing energy and work ethic, her deep intelligence illuminated by vast experience, and her kind and sympathetic heart, **she is our best candidate for office.**

**Next, three District Legislators will be chosen – Dist. 6, Southern California/Nevada, Dist. 7, Northern California, and Dist. 8, Pacific Coast/North-west. Over 25% of our entire Tribe lives in these three Districts. They need and deserve to have hard-working, intelligent, proven leadership.**

**District 6: Southern California/Nevada.** The best candidate in this race is **Rande Payne**, an experienced manager and businessman of excellent character with over 20 years in the transportation business. He earned his way up in the business with steady hard work. His public appearances have shown his good nature and ability to bring people together. He is an excellent speaker. Very enthusiastic. His opponent, *Chuck Goyer*, is at odds with the tribal government and, along with Thom Finks in District 7, backed the losing candidate in last year's election for Tribal Chairman. As my past temporary appointee to the Regional job (he was the only applicant) he did virtually nothing. His work record is thin; he says he "retired" at 39, some 15 years ago. He claims a college degree in gaming but has no gaming experience. He claims five years of "Indian" experience attending a few four-hour public sessions once per year. There is an old cowboy saying about people who are not as they try to appear: "*All hat, no cattle.*"

**In District 7: Battalion Chief Mark Johnson** of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection brings 30 years of solid work history and leadership to his candidacy. He and his wife also have a successful private business. I believe he is the best candidate. Please elect him to this office. Another good candidate is **Jeanine Gaines**, a bright young woman who is active as a community organizer. She has a future with the Nation when she has a few more years of public service experience and her children get older. The other candidate, Thom Finks, ran his notorious brother's unsuccessful campaign for Tribal Chairman while also serving in the Legislature. Finks and the Goyer from Southern California District 6 are the only CPN elected officials to ever vote against putting our tribally-owned land into federal trust – a dangerously foolish ploy aimed at creating a false issue in the election for the brother. Their behavior became an issue in the live broadcasts of our Legislative sessions. His time as Regional Rep featured many years of no meeting activity other than attending the one annual meeting in the Region we put on. He was paid monthly to serve people, including local meetings. There were many complaints that Finks would not even answer the phone at the Northern California office. He took 70 people's reservations to last year's annual meeting and did not inform the Tribe. Luckily we were able to get extra meals, tables and chairs on short notice from the hotel and the meeting was not badly disrupted. Was it careless or intentional? Either way, it is my opinion, shared by many CPN members in Northern California, that he is lazy and arrogant and should be replaced.

**In District 8:** Incumbent **Rep. Dave Carney** is doing a good job in the months he has served. He won a very close run-off election with **Clyde Slavin**, now his opponent in this election. Both men are well qualified and capable with only a few votes separating them in previous elections. **Rep. Carney** has initiated a innovative schedule of outreach to the people in his District and sponsored bills in the Legislature. This District has had a very low number of voters with less than 10% participation. Every vote will count since the margin in the last two contests between **Carney** and **Slavin** was decided by less than 10 votes. Please vote.

**Judicial Confirmation:** The full slate of tribal judges is up for confirmation, the first time under the new Constitution. All of the Appellate Court judicial appointees are experienced Citizen Potawatomi attorneys or judges as the great majority of you have indicated you desire. Please vote to confirm them.

All of you received a form to request a ballot, postage-paid. Please use it. **If it did not come to your house, please put your new address on the return envelope.**  
Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Tribal Chairman these past 25 years.

John 'Rocky' Barrett

*This advertisement in the HowNiKan expresses my personal views on the election and some candidates. I pledged to not put them in my regular Chairman's letter. I am paying for this ad personally at the same rate as the candidates for office.*



Chairman Barrett addresses House, accepts citation

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation honored by Oklahoma House of Representatives



*CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett addresses the Oklahoma House of Representatives on March 16 as state Rep. Paul Wesselhöft, also a member of the CPN Legislature, looks on.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett earned recognition at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 16, 2001. The Oklahoma House of Representatives set aside its normal business to declare the state's pride in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's accomplishments and hear from Chairman Barrett.

State Rep. Paul Wesselhöft (Rep.-Moore) presented the citation. Rep. Wesselhöft is also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature.

The citation recognized a long list of reasons for Oklahomans to be proud of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its members and leadership. Included in the citation's Whereas clauses are these: the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the first Native American nation to accept United States citizenship en masse and the members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation have made Oklahoma their home since the 1860s, having purchased their 900 square-mile jurisdictional area, which stretches from the North Canadian River to the South Canadian river and from the Pottawatomie-Seminole county line to the Indian Meridian, from the federal government.

The citation recognized and honored the Nation's business success in these terms:

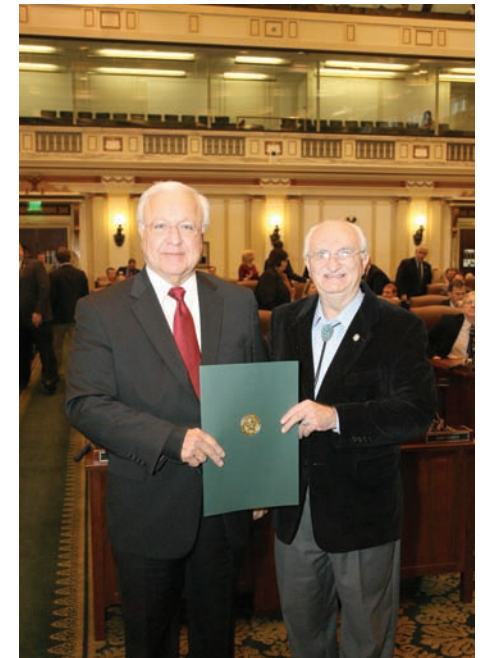
the Citizen Potawatomi people have a long history of entrepreneurship wherever they have been based, including ownership of one of the earliest McCormick reaper dealerships and many inns, ferries, and stores in their former base in southern Illinois and northern Michigan. It added: the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has, for more than 20 years, owned, operated, and expanded the United States' largest Native American-owned bank – First National Bank and Trust of Shawnee, with two branches in Lawton and other locations in Shawnee, Holdenville, Granite, Mangum, and Willow and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation owns and manages 14 successful business enterprises, including FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Express Grocery in Tecumseh, FireLake Grand Casino and FireLake Casino, FireLake Golf Course, FireLake Designs, Legends 14-50 KGFF Radio, FireLake Gifts, and FireLake Mini-Putt.

The citation also took note of the positive effect the Nation has on its neighbors: through these successful ventures and its government programs, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation offers some 2,000 well-paying jobs to Oklahoma citizens and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, in calendar 2008, contributed an economic impact of

\$394,000,000 in goods purchased and wages and salaries paid and in other ways to Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, and the surrounding area, affecting in a positive manner the creation of additional quality jobs and an attractive lifestyle for Oklahoma residents.

The proclamation also honored the CPN for using its resources to assist its members, many of whom are also Oklahoma citizens: Whereas, for the most recent post-secondary academic semester, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation provided tuition and housing assistance in the amount of \$1,529,504.62 to 1,149 of its members across the United States, an average of \$1,331.16 per student, thus investing in a brighter future for these Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and contributing to development of an educated workforce and the Nation's and the United States' future leaders.

The Oklahoma House also recognized the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for cutting-edge advances in its tribal government



*CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett and Rep. Paul Wesselhöft pose in the Oklahoma House chamber with a citation honoring the CPN's achievements.*

### Mark A. Johnson

#### For Legislator, District #7

**A proud member of the  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the  
Vieux Family.**

I have spent the last 30 years in public service as a Firefighter, currently holding the rank of Battalion Chief with The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

And the last 18 years along with my wife Rita, as a successful business owner in the private sector with a company we started, Gear 911 Specialties.

My experience will be used not only to serve members who reside in District 7, but to work in a Co-operative spirit for the betterment of the Nation.

### Honor

### Integrity

### Cooperation

Feel free to contact me by email with your thoughts at,  
Mark@Gear911.com

### Professionalism





## U.S. Education Department/Tribal leaders consultation meeting comes to CPN facility

As this edition of the *HowNiKan* was going to press, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced had announced the first of several Regional Tribal Official consultations. Department officials were to come to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for a meeting with tribal officials at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010 at the CPN's FireLake Grand Casino.

For other scheduled meetings, tribal leaders and federal government officials will travel to Alaska, South Dakota, and New Mexico for talks on strengthening government-to-government relations with Indian Tribes.

The meetings are in response to President Barack Obama's November 5, 2009 Presidential Memorandum and Executive Order (EO) 13175, which directs agencies to develop a plan of actions for providing regular and meaningful consultation and strengthening of government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes.

Addressing the Tribal Nations Conference and Interactive Discussion with Tribal Leaders at the White House on November 5, President Obama said, "I know what it means to feel ignored and forgotten, and what it means to struggle. So you will not be forgotten as long as I'm in this White House. Together, working together, we're going to make sure that the First Americans, along with all Americans, get the opportunities they deserve."

Specifically, the Education Department's meetings will seek feedback from tribal leaders on the Department's blueprint for reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; the Department's Plan of Actions to implement EO 13175; on development of the Department's official



*Then-President-elect Barack Obama, center, flanked by then-Education Secretary-designate Arne Duncan, right, and then-Vice President-elect Joe Biden, visits students at the Dodge Renaissance Academy in Chicago on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.*

consultation policy; and on any other federal education issue that has tribal implications.

Charles P. Rose, general counsel for the U.S. Department of Education, will implement the Department's Plan of Actions in response to the executive order. The Plan of Actions includes: development of the Department's consultation policy; scheduling both regular and ad hoc consultation meetings with Indian tribes and tribal officials on substantive education issues with tribal implications; follow-through procedures; intra- and inter-agency collaboration; and, communication and outreach.

Senior Department officials already have met nine times since the November 5 White House meeting, including a January 11 meeting in which Secretary Duncan and other Department representatives met with

Department of Interior Secretary Kenneth Salazar, White House Advisor Kimberly Teehee, and tribal officials.

The scheduled 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. consultation meetings are as follows:

- April 16 – Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Rasmuson Conference Center, 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Suite 286, Anchorage, Alaska.
- April 19 – FireLake Grand Casino, 777 Grand Casino Blvd, Shawnee, Okla. (Exit 178 from Interstate 40)
- April 28 – Pine Ridge High School, 101 Thorpe Circle, Pine Ridge, S.D.
- May 3 – specific location TBD, Santa Clara Pueblo, N.M.

Please visit <http://www.edtribalconsultations.org/> or call Ashley Wiegner at (202) 401-8321 for updated information.

*Census 2010, con't from page 1*

challenge is then persuading them to put aside their suspicions of anyone who might ask what might seem like prying questions. "They're just looking at it like 'Well, here comes another government agent knocking on my door wanting to get into my business,' and that's not the case at all," said Curtis Zunigha, who is helping to coordinate outreach efforts for the Census Bureau. "We're trying to dramatically change that attitude toward the census."

The Census Bureau already has begun spending about \$3.7 million — up from \$2.8 million in 2000 — in television, radio, newspaper and billboard advertising targeting Native Americans.

More than 2.4 million Americans identify themselves as American Indian or Native Alaskan — a little less than 1 percent of the U.S. population. An additional 2.2 million people identify themselves as part American Indian or Native Alaskan. Tribal leaders and Census Bureau officials worry that those groups are undercounted, but they don't know by how much.

"For far too long, we've been undercounted," Davis Bird said, pointing to tribes' enrollment numbers and government assistance rolls as proof that the census was incomplete. "We always know we're not receiving the full amount of federal dollars based on the population of our people. We're left out of the economic development picture because everything is based on head counts."

A 2008 study by the Government Accountability Office, Congress' watchdog arm, found that there has been progress nationally. The percentage of undercounted Native Americans who live on reservations fell sharply from 1990 to 2000. The study also found that only about two-thirds of Native Americans who received the forms in 2000 mailed them back, compared to about three-quarters of whites.

## Re-Elect Gene Lambert - Legislator, District #5

I am a direct descendant of Pierre Navarre. My father was Charles Lambert, and my grandmother is Cora Beth Scully. I served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a Regional Director for nine years and have been your tribal legislator for the past two years. I am a certified hotel administrator and a certified community college instructor. In 1997, the Living Bible Church ordained me a minister.

I have been involved in many community programs, including one for foster care for children and one in which I set up a program to transition women from prison to the workforce. I have served as a CETA trainer.

I have significant political experience, including my own campaign for the Arizona state senate.

I would ask all the district #5 voters to put their energy into seeking election of the candidate they support. Then, please, support the winner and the legislature. Ultimately, this is about the success and growth of the Nation, not individuals or specific families.

